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DUTCH STOP SHOOTING IN JAVA

Where Are The Jewels?

Tokyo, Aug. 4. The Japanese Press is still demanding to know what became of the 10,000,000 yen in jewels carried by the Indian puppet leader, Subhas Chandra Bose when he was allegedly burned to death in an airplane accident at the Taihoku airfield.

The Nippon Keizai says that Tami Hayashida, formerly a Japanese officer in Formosa, claimed to have delivered the wooden box containing the jewels to the Imperial Headquarters in Tokyo on September 1, 1945—the day before the American entered Tokyo.

Hayashida declared that Major Katakura at the Imperial H.Q. could explain what became of the box.—Associated Press.

U.S. Asked To Adjudicate

Batavia, August 4. The Dutch and Indonesian Governments, acting under United Nations orders, agreed today to end their 14-day war but apparently disagreed over who should arbitrate in their differences.

The Netherlands ordered all troops in Java and Sumatra to cease firing at midnight, and announced welcome to an offer of America's good offices to help settle outstanding problems.

Indonesia promised to make all efforts to end hostilities, but said the cease fire should be supervised by the United Nations Security Council which ordered the fighting to stop.

The Indonesian statement broadcast by the Republic radio station at Jogjakarta, added

Chifley Urges Need To Back Britain

Sydney, August 4. The Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, is flying thousands of miles in a one-man campaign to arouse Australia to Britain's support.

In visiting successive States, he declared that Australia's seafare demands that Britain win the current economic battle very quickly.

"Britain suffered more than any other nation in the war," Mr. Chifley declared in a speech in Western Queensland. "She is now fighting for economic existence, and I call on Australia to help her. It is our duty to Britain to see she wins her fight," he said.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPS MISS OUT ON BUSINESSMEN

Tokyo, Aug. 4. One-third of the quota of 400 Allied and neutral businessmen submitted applications to visit Japan on August 15, says General MacArthur's Headquarters.

Only the United States filled her quota of 102.

Britain came second with approximately half of its 64 representatives.

The Japanese are already urging America to fill up the quota.

The Japanese Board of Trade has been busy for months preparing lists, billboards, excursions and trade exhibitions to aid trading which, until now, had been done at arm's length.—United Press.

The development of Japanese exports during 1947-1948 will be discussed at a meeting of the Allied Council for Japan on Thursday.

The subject was put forward by Major General A.P. Kislensky, the representative member for Soviet Russia.

He will ask for information on:

- (1) What kind of goods will be offered by Japan for export during the current year, both through private trade and on a government-to-government basis.
- (2) What measures are being taken by the Japanese Government to increase the production of raw materials as well as the production of export goods.
- (3) What is hindering production of commodities and what action is being taken to increase production.—Reuter.

Quiet Birthday For Queen

Windsor, Aug. 4. Queen Elizabeth observed her birthday anniversary today with the King and the two Princesses at the Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park.

The Queen last night flew to London from York where she was with her family today.

The bells of St. George's Chapel were rung in honour of the occasion and flags were flown on public buildings in Windsor.—United Press.

Indian Agent Visits Troops

Tokyo, Aug. 4. Sir Rama Rau, the Indian political agent in Japan with ambassadorial rank, spent the week-end in the British Commonwealth Occupation Zone, inspecting Indian troops at the various stations.

This will probably be the last time he will see them as they will have been withdrawn from Japan by the time he returned from the Canberra Conference.—Reuter.

Jew Refugees Get Better Rations Than British Troops

Port De Bouc, Aug. 3. The 4,500 Jews who refused to land here six days ago, after being shipped back to France from Palestine, are getting better rations than the British troops guarding them, and are sharing their fresh fruit and vegetables with their escort. It was reported by one of the correspondents when he visited the Ocean Vigour, one of the three British ships which brought them here.

One of the refugees, Henry Auerbach, said that the refugees of the ship had voted unanimously to send one large basket of fruit and vegetables from their special ration each day to the British troops.

Denying rumours that the food and fruit being sent aboard by the "Entre-Aide Francaise" was being intercepted, Auerbach said: "The only food that the British troops have had from our special rations has been the fruit and vegetables we have given them."

At least six of the immigrants on the ship assured the correspondent that the conduct of the 100 men of the British Sixth Airborne Division under the command of Major Robert Ellis had been above reproach since their departure from Haifa.

More than two dozen of the children, on board had been "adopted" by the soldiers and were able to use the troop quarters, they said. Throughout the voyage, the British troops had given all their rations of vitamin pills to the children, as well as most of their candy.

No Guards. Special arrangements had been made for the children to attend classes on a portion of the boat which was cleared of barbed wire. Their teachers were recruited from among old members of the immigrant group.

The Ocean Vigour was obviously crowded, but immigrants could either circulate freely on the wired foredeck, or stay down in the hold.

Looking down on the foredeck from the bridge, the correspondent says he saw what was virtually a solid mass of people around the wire, but a great many of them were smiling and laughing, and two shower baths of sea-water were in constant use. There was considerable horse-play going on as the immigrants splashed water on one another.

No guards were inside the wire enclosure, and only one prisoner was in the hold.

One of the women was asked why she did not go out on deck, and she replied that she found it cooler by the hatch.

Typhoon Threat At Shanghai

Shanghai, Aug. 4. Weather authorities said today that Shanghai was in the direct path of a typhoon ripping over the Pacific.

The weather station hoisted warning signals.

The typhoon is expected to break the heat wave which has been oppressing the city in the past two weeks.—Associated Press.

Sumatra Oil Wells Unhurt

(By James Halsema) Medan, Sumatra, Aug. 4.

Dutch civil authorities and American oilmen at Palembang said on Sunday that only minor damage had been inflicted on oil fields and refineries taken by the Dutch in southeastern Sumatra.

Only a few wells were fired by the retreating Indonesians at Pendopo, and all fires are under control.

Other fields were said to be undamaged.

The Royal Dutch Shells Plant, which escaped serious damage in World War II and in the Dutch-Indonesian fighting, is expected to be in full production before the end of summer.

The Standard Vacuum's Secongati-Gorong refinery is being reconstructed.

Company officials said that by October it will turn out full line of petroleum products including aviation gasoline.—Associated Press.

BRITISH PLANE MISSING ON ANDES FLIGHT

Santiago, Aug. 3. A Lancastrian British South American Airways airliner, the Stardust, with 11 occupants, including eight Britons, has been missing over the Andes since yesterday on the last lap of its flight from London to Santiago.

The four-engine plane left Mon Airport, Buenos Aires, yesterday morning and was last reported four-and-one-half hours later over Portillo, near Santiago, when it signalled to the control at Santiago Airport.

It was believed here that the Stardust might have landed at a point north or south of the normal route but officials at Santiago Airport, where a "state of emergency" was ordered, failed after all-night efforts to contact the missing airliner.

Santiago stands in the foothills of the Andes Mountain chain, which lies immediately behind it, rising at points to over 15,000 feet.

The plane was carrying six passengers and a crew of five.

The passengers include Mr. Martha Limpert, a German displaced person, Casim Said Atallah, a Palestinian and M. Harold Pach, a Swiss.

Famous Craft. The captain of the aircraft is Mr. Reginald James Cook, of London. Other members of the crew are the First Officer, Mr. Norman Milton Cook, Second Officer, Donald Simpson, Checklin, Radio Operator, Dennis Harmer and Stewardess Iris Moreen Evans, all from London.

A Buenos Aires despatch said that the Lancastrian should have flown direct from Buenos Aires to Santiago in less than four hours, but came down at Mendoza on the eastern side of the Andes, about 100 miles from Santiago, in bad weather, taking off again two-and-a-half hours later.

The Stardust, the most famous plane of the British South American Airways run, did her proving flight from England to South America early last year in three days, six hours and 10 minutes.—Reuter.

U.S. HELP FOR CHINA

Chinese press reports say that Lt.-Gen. Wedemeyer today told Mr. Mei Yi-chi, President of the Tsinghua University, that the United States will extend aid to China in her present difficulties.

He asked Mr. Mei to explain to the Chinese people that the United States had no territorial ambitions.

Lt.-Gen. Wedemeyer arrived in Tientsin this morning and met the Mayor and other officials at luncheon.

Gen. Wedemeyer, who is staying in the American Consulate, leaves tomorrow for Mukden.

He is President Truman's special envoy to China and Korea on a fact-finding mission.

Welcoming him at the airport were the American Consul General, Mayor Tu Chieh-shih, Garrison, Commander, Lo Tsi-shing and other Chinese and American officials.

ONE CHIEF FOR U.S. FORCES

Washington, Aug. 4. Secretary of Defence James Forrestal is considering a sweeping re-organization of the armed forces to provide a unified command of land, sea and air forces, United States services sources said today.

The plan worked out by the Joint Chiefs of Staff provides for a single commander with a staff of army, navy and air officers.

It also provides for dividing the nation into strategic areas, each of which would have its own single commander over all the three forces.

This single command would relate to actual combat manoeuvres, not to such problems as supply and administration.

Mr. Forrestal could put this plan into effect without Congressional approval, military authorities believe.

Overseas. There is already a similar plan in effect in all overseas areas.

General MacArthur commands the three services in the Far East and Maj. General H. A. Craig all those in Alaska.

Under such an organization the Strategic Air Command probably would remain a separate force for long-range blows at the enemy with atomic bombs.

In continental United States each commander would be responsible for unified planning of defence and in case of emergency to conduct operations.

The advantage of the plan would be that the air, ground and sea forces could strike in unison at any enemy force aiming a blow at the United States.

Military officials believe such a plan is necessary for the entire country because, with long-range planes, it is possible for an enemy to strike at any part of the nation.—United Press.

ON OTHER PAGES

Changes in British Cabinet

Adventure

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Britons Travel Home To Face Big Crisis

Millions of Britons are tonight trekking home to face "crisis week." The annual August Bank Holiday drained them from the big cities and poured them out on to the beaches and seaside promenades.

The prospect of Prime Minister Attlee swinging his axe at all imports that can be trimmed was not allowed to mar the holiday spirit which has flowered each first Monday of August since Parliament selected it for a Statutory Holiday in 1870.

Although the House of Commons set an example by working today for the first time in 21 years, business houses and factories throughout the country closed on Friday for a four-day rest.

At railway stations thousands waited for hours to squeeze on to the packed trains.

There was no lack of entertainment in the queues.

Older folk sang, music-hall ballads. Young folk crooned modern ditties.

Small fry scampered about, kicking and finding parents and yelling for fruits displayed on the push-carts.

The crowds were a little more subdued on the return trip.

Many dozed on the platforms, some leaning on suitcases and others leaning on each other.

The flood of holidaymakers made good news for hotel and restaurant owners, who have been finding the pickings lean this summer, despite the fact that millions of workers are getting paid holidays.

Many people found seaside resorts so expensive last year they have been boycotting them.

Hotel-keepers recently took their problem to Parliament, but if they expected sympathy they were mistaken.

I read of this hotel blimp with great pleasure," said one newspaper letterwriter, recently.

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Today's Events

August 5—Rotary Club lunch, 12.30 p.m. Speaker: Sir Henry Blackall, C.J., on "The Jury and other Judicial Systems."

Coming Events

August 7—HK & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. annual meeting, noon.
August 7—Inaugural meeting of H.K. Council of Women, YWCA, Duddell St., 5.15 p.m.
August 7—Royal Marines Assn. Inaugural meeting, 5.30 p.m.
August 12—HK & S'hai Hotels annual meeting, noon.

Watchman On Theft Charge

Chan Kim Yau, 47, watchman of the Harbour Department was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday on two counts of larceny and receiving stolen property.
Defendant was bound over in the sum of \$250 for 12 months.
Defendant in a statement from the dock said he was very sorry and had offered to make reparation. He had been in the government service for 24 years.
Mr. d'Almada — "Taking into consideration your long service and the fact that all the property has been returned to the complainant, I will bind you over in the sum of \$250 for 12 months."

13th House Collapse

Hong Kong had its 13th house collapse about 7.30 p.m. yesterday when the ground floor kitchen at 47, Sai Street, Western District, caved in.
There was no one using that portion of the building at the time.
The tenants of the upper floors left the building but returned to their flats when they found there was no danger of the upper kitchen collapsing.

ADJOURNED

Due to the indisposition of the second accused, Chung Wah, 30, the case in which Chung Yuen, 34, Chung T'ai-ming, 30, and Chung Shun, 25, and Chung Wah were charged with robbery at No. 1 Hut, Shan Koi, Cheung Chau Island, on July 30, was adjourned by Mr. Latimer for one week on the application of DSI R. MacKenzie.

The four men were alleged to have robbed Li Ho, 50-year-old married woman, of a gold finger ring and \$700, and a gold bangle and two gold finger rings, from Ip Chau-kun, 18-year-old spinster, at about 3.30 a.m. on July 30. They were taken into custody a few hours later by S/I G. Freyer.

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Kowloon Manufacturer Plans Big Match Factory

Although Hong Kong's safety match industry is among the first casualties of Japan's re-entry into the local and Southeast Asia markets, at least one manufacturer is not discouraged but is making plans for the future to compete with foreign products.

The Hong Kong Match Factory, which recently purchased a 13,000 square-foot lot in Kowloon City at a P.W.D. land auction, intends to erect an up-to-date match factory on the area with modern machinery from the United States, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The factory now occupies and leased for eight and a half years in 1939 when it was forced to evacuate from Swatow to Hong Kong because of the Japanese attack on China.

For the first nine months after the end of the war, there was a safety match boom with local factories enjoying full control of the market in Malaya which was the biggest importer from Hong Kong, followed by the Netherlands East Indies and Java. Singapore alone absorbed 2,000 cases a month.

Today, however, Hong Kong's match factories are working at a loss. Since the beginning of the year orders from overseas have been dropping. The influx of U.S. Army surplus matches affected the local market and the ordering of a considerable quantity of matches from Japan by the Singapore Government resulted in dealers in Malaya refraining from placing further orders with local manufacturers.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Singapore authorities were buying some 30,000 cases of matches from Japan. The Great China Match Co., Ltd., told the "China Mail" that the current match slump was due to selling at competitive prices at high costs, the rubber slump and the invasion of other brands of matches in the local and south-east Asia markets.

The manager of the company, Mr. J. T. L. Chan, said that for nine months after the end of the war, Hong Kong was the sole supplier of matches to Malaya and Java and the East Indies. But since the beginning of the year, his company has been operating at a loss.

He pointed out that all local products, safety matches today were the only commodity selling below pre-war prices in December 1941, the price for a case of 7,200 boxes of matches was \$185. For the first six to

nine months after the liberation a case of matches brought four to five times the pre-war rate but today a case was selling under \$185.

Illustrating the losses being sustained, Mr. Chan said that raw materials had gone up over 200 per cent, labour by almost 650 per cent and other expenses by nearly 300 per cent.

The Hong Kong Match Factory also complained it was working at a loss. An official of the company added that the only people reaping the benefits of the industry were the retailers and hawkers who were selling matches at five to 10 cents a box.

Children's Party At "Y"

The Younger Set of the European "Y" will be dressed in the role of "Uncle" and "Auntie" when they entertain their still younger contemporaries in a Children's Fancy Dress Party—emphatically for children of six to ten years old only—on Saturday this week.

The God-Mother of them all, Miss Winifred Ingram is going to no mean measures to ensure the young things a very noisy and merry afternoon—despite the promise of rain—with organized games and a dress parade to select the winner of a very attractive prize presented by the still more attractive Auntie Winifred herself.

But what will interest the kiddies most will be a very elaborate table set out with helpings of ice-cream unlimited.

"FLYING SAUCER" IN CHINA!

The latest "flying saucer" story comes from Canton, A Chinese report from the Kwangtung capital says it was found 45 miles southwest of the city in a village in Hokshan county.

The message said that a few days ago a woman working in a paddy field heard a loud buzzing sound followed a crash of a shining object a few yards away. The object was 12 inches long, five inches wide and an inch thick. Its transparent plastic cover revealed four small dry batteries and two radio tubes. There was also an air pressure gadget with a safety device attached, and words in English reading "made in the United States."

The report concluded that the woman was persuaded by a fellow villager to part with the strange object for 10 piculs of unhulled rice.

GAMBLING ON LAUNCH

Fung Min, Au Yung Him, Lai Sun and Wong Yat were fined \$200 for three months' hard labour each for keeping a common gaming house on board the launch "Man Chi" at 2.15 p.m. on Aug. 2.

Prosecuting, DSI R. MacKenzie said that the four men were seen conducting a gambling game at the bow of the third class deck of the launch while it was on its way from Morig Kok to Hong Kong. The game played was the usual "red and black" cards which were so "fixed" that either colour could be made to appear as required.

Table money totalling \$215 was ordered by Mr. W.H. Latimer to be confiscated to the Poor Box.

NEW BAN ON TAXI DANCERS

Local Chinese papers yesterday reported that the Macao authorities have banned girls under 18 from being employed as taxi-dancers, and boys under 18 years from entering cabarets.

Readers' Letters

St. Nazaire
Sir—I was somewhat surprised to find that in your account on Page 4 this morning of the dedication of a monument at St. Nazaire to those who took part in "Operation Charlie" no mention was made of the part played by Coastal Forces and the Royal Navy. Without in any way belittling the work of the Commandos, I think due credit might also have been given to the men who took them there.

Of the 18 Motor Launches which took part, 10 were sunk by close-range gunfire from the enemy and four more had to be scuttled owing to the damage they sustained. Naval casualties too were higher—85 killed or missing and 100 prisoners of war, as compared with the military figures of 69 and 109 respectively. Thanks to H.M.S. "Campbeltown," the main object of the raid was achieved—the only dock on the Atlantic seaboard capable of accommodating the battleship "Tirpitz" was put out of action for the rest of the war.

The unarmoured, wooden motor launches went in and stayed on the job until they were either sunk or ordered to withdraw. On one boat alone—MGB 314—two VC, three DSCs and four DSMs were awarded.

I think in fairness to the men who took part in the naval side of the operation—most of them were either RNVR or "Honorary" only men—the party they played should not be overlooked in any write-up of the monument now unveiled at St. Nazaire.

EX-COASTAL FORCES.

High Prices

Sir—Your correspondent "Mother" makes a good point in her complaint about high prices in restaurants, rents and profiteering generally. As she says, a Socialist government would do this town some good.

Why should the selfish minority continue to make unreasonable profits out of the majority? And why do not the local press take the matter up? We have no representation (though we have taxation) and the press is the ordinary citizen's sole medium of ventilating his moans. But letters to the editor alone won't do any good. Why not newspaper campaign for a clean-up?

J. B.

Blue Stockings Led Them Into Trouble

Convicted on the charge of unlawful possession of 200 pairs of blue stockings on board their ship, Samuel Gibson, 47, greaser, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, and Thomas Fearnies, 38, greaser, was fined \$150 or two months' hard labour, by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Before sentence was passed, both accused pleaded for another chance declaring that it was their first slip. Gibson stated that he had a wife and four children in England, while Fearnies declared that he had a wife and five children and would like to have an opportunity to earn the money to send back to them.

The Master of the s/s "Titan" told the Court that he found nothing to complain of respecting the conduct of the two men. They had been working on his ship for some time, he said.

Although defendants were not criminals in the ordinary sense of the word, said His Worship, he had however to take a serious view of the case and could not possibly show any leniency in cases of this type.

The facts of the case, as presented by DSI R. MacKenzie, were that at about 8.30 a.m. on Aug. 3, the Master of the s/s "Titan," Capt. William John Eynon, was standing on the lower bridge when he saw a sampan about 30 feet away from the gangway.

Suddenly, the sampan turned around and went to the other side of the ship as though it had been signalled to by someone on the boat. Becoming suspicious, the Captain went to the stern on the other side and saw the sampan going alongside. He also saw a Chinese, Kwok Hol-chuen, coming out of the greasers' room with a sampan.

On seeing the Master, continued DSI MacKenzie, the Chinese went back into the room, and dumped the sampan down. When the Master entered the room he had the bag opened and found the 200 dozen stockings inside. In the room were three Chinese males who were later taken, together with the sampan, to the Captain's deck to await the arrival of the Police.

A subsequent search of the holds containing cargo to Kure, said DSI MacKenzie, revealed that one of the sacks had been opened and several bundles of stockings taken out.

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NEW CHINESE EXPORT DRIVE

Shanghai, Aug. 4. The Government-operated textile industries may set up additional offices in Canton, Hong Kong and Singapore to facilitate the exports of Chinese goods to the South Pacific areas, according to the Information Bureau of the four national banks of China.

Considerable delay and inconvenience is now being caused in the Southern areas who are forced to make enquiries from the textile organization headquarters in Shanghai, Reuters.

Man Poisoned By Opium

A Chinese male who registered at the Sun Sun Hotel at 8 P.M. on Saturday was found dead at 10 P.M. The body was removed to the Kowloon Hospital. The man was suffering from opium poisoning. He was 40 years old and had been in the hotel for some time. The police are investigating the case.

Alibi In S'hai Shooting

Shanghai, Aug. 4. Hong Kong-born Charles Archer denied today involvement in the slaying of Yu Shen-pao, described by his wife as a sidewalk black market dealer in foreign currency and gold bars.

Police said they are checking a statement from Archer that he was at a movie theatre at the time of the killing on Friday night.

Yu Shen-pao, who had left home with five gold bars, was shot three times in a car on the outskirts of Shanghai and thrown into the highway where he died after gasping out to some farmers "it was a foreigner who shot me—Charlie."

Police arrested Archer after the murdered man's widow identified him from police registration pictures of all foreigners.

She named him as the man who had had business dealings with her husband. Archer is being held pending further investigation.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, Aug. 4.

Police today arrested another foreigner on suspicion of being connected with the murder of Yu Shen-pao but refused to divulge his identity.

They described him only as "a tall man, possibly an American."

Police said the man was taken into custody after eyewitnesses had testified there were two foreigners in the murder car.

Hong Kong-born Charles Archer's wife, a Russian, told reporters that at the time of the murder she and her husband were at a movie.

They saw and nodded to "a dentist friend."

She could not remember his name but would recognise him if she saw him.—Associated Press.

CABINET CHANGES IN BRITAIN LIKELY: YOUNG MEN WANTED

London, Aug. 4. Informed Labour sources said they expected Premier Clement Attlee may reshuffle his Cabinet before Parliament reconvenes on Oct. 20 after the summer recess.

They believed he may seize on the change of India's position and Burma's impending choice of independence or Dominion status to retire one or two veteran Ministers who have been under fire and bring younger blood into the Cabinet.

After India joins the Dominion family—as India and Pakistan—on Aug. 15, the Earl of Lis-towel, at present Secretary of State for India and Burma, will become Secretary only for Burma. He might then be shifted to a new portfolio or might wait until later when Burma's choice of new status will make his post obsolete.

It was believed that those marked for retirement in the reshuffle are 65-year-old Defence Minister A. V. Alexander, whom Labourites blame for the middle order reduction of the armed forces during the conscription period from 18 to 12 months.

War Secretary Frederick J. Belenger, who has been criticised for soft peddling the Black market scandal in the British occupation army of Germany, and 65-year-old First Lord of the Admiralty Viscount Hall.

Shinwell and Strachey. Fuel and Power Minister Emanuel Shinwell was attacked bitterly by both Conservatives and Labourites during last winter's fuel crisis for failing to build up coal reserves for emergency and for making conflicting optimistic and pessimistic statements. But his popularity with coal miners may save him his job.

Food Minister John Strachey has come under fire for his bulk buying policy, but he too may survive.

Labour Party circles said any Cabinet reshuffle would primarily be designed to bring new blood into the Government.—United Press.

JUDGE REBUKES DEFENCE K.C.

There was a sharp exchange of words between Mr. Justice Hallett and one of the defending counsel at the Old Bailey in the closing stages of the Crown's case against three men accused of the murder of Alec de Antiquis, 34, in Charlotte-st., W. on April 29.

Mr. Russell Vick, K.C., of Jenkins, one of the accused, was questioning Chief-Insp. Robert Fabian, of New Scotland Yard, when the judge intervened and asked the officer to read the exact words of a sentence in his notebook.

Mr. Vick, turning to Mr. Justice Hallett, said: "Whether it helps the jury or not I do not need your lordship's assistance in cross-examining witnesses."

Mr. Justice Hallett: "When you are irregular I shall stop you, even if it enables you to make a tactical scene. I think you try to manufacture these in the hope of getting sympathy."

Mr. Vick: "My client desires no sympathy, my lord, only justice."

Mr. Justice Hallett: "If a question is irregular I shall interrupt you again."

The three accused men, who plead not guilty to the murder of de Antiquis after an attempted robbery at the shop of Jays Jewellers Ltd. at the corner of Charlotte-street and Tottenham-street, are:

Charles Henry Jenkins, 23, lighterman, of Abbey-road, Bermondsey.

Christopher James Geraghty 20, labourer, of Liverpool-road, Finsbury.

Terence John Peter Rolt, 17, warehouseman, of St. John's Estate, Bermondsey.

Bullet Fell From Brain

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the pathologist, giving evidence, said that when he was carrying out a post-mortem on de Antiquis, a bullet fell from the brain.

A deposition was read from a man named William Henry Walsh, who was stated to be the "too ill to be present. Walsh declared that at no time did he borrow the raincoat, which, it was stated, had been found in an anteroom of premises in Tottenham Court-road after two young men were seen to enter and leave the building.

Four revolvers were handed to Mr. Robert Churchill when he went into the witness box. Handling a 32 revolver, he said that the bullet which killed de Antiquis came from it. He found it contained five live cartridges and a cartridge case. Marks in the brain had been three miles from a bullet found in Jay's shop had been fired from a 45 revolver. Another loaded revolver he examined could not be fired as it contained the wrong ammunition.

Divisional Det-Insp. Robert Higgins alleged that Rolt made a statement in which he said that when he was carrying out a hold-up with Jenkins and Geraghty he went to an empty house in Bermondsey, where he had hidden some stolen revolvers and armed himself. Jenkins and Geraghty were also present.

"Looked In Window"

According to the pathologist, de Antiquis was shot in the back of the head while he was looking out of the window of the shop. The bullet entered the brain at a distance of about 18 inches from the back of the head. The bullet was fired from a 45 revolver.

The hearing was adjourned.

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The man was 40 years old and had been in the hotel for some time. The police are investigating the case.

U.S. Move To Save Manpower

Washington, Aug. 4. The United States, as well as Britain, is reported to be considering further reductions in the strength of occupation forces in Europe—but to save manpower rather than dollars.

Tentative official calculations have been made here and in Berlin on what cuts might be made without imperilling American aims and upsetting the balance between the western allies and Soviet Russia. One top level tentative estimate was that the number of American troops might be pared more than half without risking trouble with the German population in the United States zone.

But the German attitude is recognised as the only one factor. A new and uncertain element has been introduced, however, by Mr. Attlee's proposal to slash British military commitments as part of the British Government's new effort to bolster the nation's sagging economy.

As a result, the question whether the United States can follow suit appears destined for further study before a final decision is made.

The army's position is that with Germany divided, international relations clouded, and Russia's ratification of the satellite peace treaties delayed, the 150,000 or so American troops in Europe are a rock bottom minimum.—United Press.

N.Z. Regiment Reaches Kure

Tokyo, Aug. 4. The second and third battalions of a New Zealand regiment arrived at Kure in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force Headquarters in Southern Honshu on board the vessel Dunbar.

They will replace the present battalions on duty with the BCOF in Japan.—Reuter.

STOLEN FROM CAPTAIN'S HOME

Charged with larceny from the residence of Capt. Evans in Macdonald Road, Chu Fuk Chan, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour to be followed by expulsion, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Capt. Evans said that property valued at \$247 had been recovered but another \$318 worth was missing.

Defendant was arrested by a watchman.

RICE POSITION UNDER CONTROL

Canton, Aug. 4. Despite the widespread flood which destroyed 35 percent of the crop, the rice situation in Kwangtung is under control by the provincial authorities.

The price for the best grade quoted is CN\$210,000 a picul of 111 pounds while the highest price for the past week was CN\$255,000. Rice merchants expect the present price will stay for the next several days, as shipments are expected from Hunan.

Medium grade rice in Chang-sha was quoted at CN\$160,000 a picul. In Kwangsi the price ranged from CN\$120,000 to CN\$160,000 a picul. In Tuyen Kwichow, the price was as low as CN\$34,000 a picul. Dealers are planning to ship rice to Canton.

If transportation charges are not too high, this is possible now in view of the summer floods which swell the watercourses from Luchow in Kwangsi to Canton.

Except in the flooded areas in Kwangtung, the harvest last month was a bumper one. Farmers were, however, hit by occasional showers which washed away the seedlings and destroyed the young rice plants.

The price of rice in Canton is about 230,000 a day. The city government has taken over rice control from the provincial government which has become a special municipality. The same provincial price is used to check profiteering in rice prices, which are selling much slower than commodities.—Associated Press.

ATTLEE PLAN TO COMBAT THE CRISIS

Return To Wartime Labour Controls Predicted

"One-Year Tough Living Plan"

London, Aug. 3. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, went to his country estate of Chequers today and started writing the grave pronouncement that will strip Britain to its waist.

Mr. Attlee's statement in the Commons on Wednesday on the country's economic plight—made perilous by the certainty that the American loan will run out by the end of the year and likely in six to eight weeks—was expected to contain his gravest words since he took office.

It will set up an austerity programme which, British newspapers called the "One Year Tough Living Plan".

With Britain's economic crisis of first concern in both London and Washington, the United States Ambassador to London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, flew today to Paris to meet Mr. William Clayton, Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, in a three-day conference which the American Embassy spokesman said was almost certain to include a talk on the British situation.

Whitehall practically cancelled its Sunday day of rest and the August Bank Holiday to prepare for a momentous two-day Commons debate in which Mr. Attlee will outline a £100,000,000 cut in imports and other items, measures which will make Britons work harder and spend less. Mr. Attlee will open the debate and will be followed by his two chief economic aides—the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, and the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps.

Bank Holiday Meeting

The acting Opposition leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, will wind up for the Opposition.

The Commons, with one of the busiest weeks of the session ahead before the summer recess on Friday, is scheduled to sit tomorrow—the first time it has met on an August Bank Holiday for more than 20 years.

Government leaders stayed within easy reach of London today and a spokesman said the Cabinet might meet tomorrow, but more likely on Tuesday, to drive the final nails into Mr. Attlee's programme.

New Rationing

However, to meet a situation in which Britain expects an adverse balance of trade of \$450,000,000 and has only \$250,000,000 left in the American loan, Mr. Attlee was expected to announce:

Withdrawal of gasoline for private motoring. Drastic reduction and perhaps suspension of foreign exchange allowances for pleasure trips abroad.

New emergency food rationing, to include restaurants.

Restriction of non-essential industries to divert needed manpower to export industries—or some other form of "labour direction".—United Press.

War-Time Controls

The war and wool of Britain's threadbare living pattern was under the Cabinet microscope tonight and the Labour Government worked on its plan for huge slashes in dollar expenditure to meet the threatening economic crisis—regarded as the most dangerous Britain has even known.

The outcome of the planning will be announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

In front of the curtain of secrecy which the Labour Party is maintaining, speculation has run wide and gloomy on how to plug the dyke against the nation's adverse trade balance of at least \$450,000,000 this year, and the dwindling dollar loan now expected to run out by November.

Outside the inner ring, those who have most claim to be well-informed predict a return to wartime labour control, supervised allocation of raw materials, relentless scissoring of rationed food imports, possible rationing of meals in restaurants, a big cut in the private petrol ration, a speed-up of armed forces demobilisation to peacetime level, and pressure on the request to the United States to pay for a large share of the imports needed to feed Western Germany.

Juggling Job

These and other measures, such as a cut in the money which may be taken out of the country for holiday travel (now £75), a reduction in the value of ration coupons for clothing, and a slowing down of the housing programme, are said to be most closely in line with the Government's intentions.

Mr. Attlee must face a tough job of juggling. The people must eat to carry out any exertion to work hard and over-earn to increase export production. But if he cuts food imports from the United States to save dollars, he must also cut down equally from other countries under the anti-discrimination clause of the United States loan agreement. He must also cut down equally from other countries under the anti-discrimination clause of the United States loan agreement.

Experts point ruefully to plans existent in the four D—dollars, demobilisation, devaluation, and defence—plans to increase exports to Britain, since a good many of the items may be disallowed for fear of breaking the anti-discrimination clause.

Bevin Switch?

Political observers regard this as the worst moment for Cabinet changes, and dismiss rumours that Mr. Ernest Bevin, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, might be switched to Home Affairs. They admit the possibility that this move might come later, but it is thought unlikely until he has personally completed a series of international conferences and negotiations both in connection with Marshall plan aid to Europe and the November conference of Foreign Ministers in London.

Although tomorrow is August Bank Holiday, Mr. Attlee will confer with Mr. Bevin, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Chief Economic Planner and Leader of the House of Commons, and Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade.

With the impending reduction of the Armed Forces overseas, Mr. Bevin is thought likely to find himself with less and less elbow room to pursue his foreign policy.

A full Cabinet meeting has been called for Tuesday, the eve of the Parliamentary debate on the economic crisis, when Mr. Attlee will make his fateful announcement.

Grim Mood

The feeling of aimless nervousness which prevailed a week ago seems to have given way to a grim and more sober mood among the people. The knowledge that definite action is being taken to have infused into the nation a feeling of determination and a willingness to bear the necessary sacrifices.

The course of the debate cannot yet be clearly seen, but the fact that the Conservative Opposition have decided not to lay down a motion of censure seems to indicate a closing of the ranks in the face of common dangers. But it is known that the "state of the nation" will be

SURPRISE FOR MR. WOON

London, Aug. 4. Mr. Woon Pak-sing of Hong Kong received the surprise of his life. He had been enjoying a short trip to London and was in a hurry to catch a train back to Southampton. Boarding a bus, he asked the conductor the best way to Waterloo Station.

Imagine his astonishment when the conductor answered him in fluent Chinese. Mr. Woon was so delighted that he wrote to the London Transport Board saying, "Our very pleasant English-Chinese talk helped me to catch a very important railway train to Southampton."

The bus conductor, 30-year-old Mr. G. E. Brown of Catford, learnt his Chinese while a prisoner of war in Japan.

LORD NATHAN IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Aug. 4. Lord Nathan, Minister of Civil Aviation, who is on a tour of the Far East, will arrive in Singapore this afternoon. Lord Nathan is leaving for New Zealand and Australia, and is expected back in September, after which he will proceed to Hong Kong and Ceylon.—United Press.

'More Hangings' Threat By Irgun

Jerusalem, Aug. 3. Haganah, the Jewish underground defence army, tonight threatened "reprisals" against British troops and policemen "who kill and injure innocent Jews in revenge for the murder of the two sergeants."

The threat was made over Haganah's secret radio transmitter, "The Voice of Israel." Haganah warned the British authorities to take active steps to curb "wild reprisals."

Haganah took part in the but a war between Ernest Bevin and Mervyn Palmer, leader of Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Bevin-Belgian War The Jewish population and the rank and file of the British forces in Palestine were "nothing but helpless tools and victims," he added.

The situation would not improve, he believed, if the Palestine Government persisted in its attitude to refugees, and in measures such as the imposition of martial law on Nathanya, Palestine's diamond town near which the two British sergeants were found hanged, and mass punishment for terrorist acts.—Reuter.

Novel Search The Jerusalem police adopted a novel search for an underground big shot who was believed to have been injured in the outbreak of violence last week. He reportedly was badly scratched running through barbed wire entanglements.

All men leaving Jerusalem had to roll up their pants and show their legs and knees. The police found no trace thus far.—United Press.

Tracks Destroyed The radio dismissed as "enemy propaganda" eye-witness reports of the blasting of the two sergeants' bodies by booby traps.

There were no booby traps on the bodies. The mines which exploded were intended to kill the living British enemy," it added.

Railway tracks between Rehovoth and Beer Yaacov, south of Tel Aviv, were blown up by six Yeminite Jewish terrorists today, killing one Arab and seriously injuring another. Both Arabs were found lying in an orange grove near the line with a length of cable running through the track.

An Arab stabbed and wounded in the arm a British policeman in the Tel Aviv boundary area today, police headquarters reported.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said in Jerusalem that the situation in Palestine, "shorn of essentials and propaganda, is not a war between Gentile and Jew,

known when the Speaker of the House, Colonel Clifton Brown, calls on Mr. Attlee to walk to the despatch box which in the past has supported the manuscript of many a world-renouncing speech.—Reuter.

Freedom Of Worship In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Aug. 3. Seven American ministers here as guests of the Yugoslav government to study "religious conditions" today expressed the view that freedom of worship exists in Yugoslavia, and that the imprisonment of Archbishop Alojz Stepinac was justified.

Although members of the party admitted that they can do little beyond observe what the government shows them, Dr. William Howard Melish, rector of the Holy Trinity in New York City, said it was their impression that religious life in Yugoslavia is "luxuriant."

"It seems to me," Melish said, "that the degree of tolerance towards the Church here is very high. I attended a mass and saw that the people, without obstruction from the authorities, attend masses in their churches and are performing all their other religious duties. As for Stepinac, I have realized that on the basis of his work during the war and his further activities—and considering the relationship of conflict between a part of the clergy and the people's authorities, during the occupation—Stepinac was not imprisoned without cause."—United Press.

A Fact Or Wishful Thinking?

London, Aug. 4. Speculation that Britain's Labour Government might postpone or even abandon pending nationalisation measures in view of the country's economic crisis appeared in most London newspapers on Sunday.

Official quarters, working on crisis plans while most Britons were relaxing over the August bank holiday week-end, declined to comment on the reports, however, and the future of nationalisation remained a top Cabinet secret.

The almost invariably well-informed London "Observer" said that it now looks as if nationalisation of the iron and steel industry, scheduled for the session of Parliament which opens next October, will be dropped.

The question was discussed by the Cabinet last week and although nothing was finally decided, the opinion was strongly expressed that this was no time to nationalise the industry," the "Observer" said.

Failure to go ahead with nationalisation of iron and steel, gas and electricity, and other items on its programme would undoubtedly let the Government in for severe criticism from a large segment of its supporters who hold that socialism must be achieved quickly if the country's economy is to be put on a permanently strong basis.

Conservatives, on the other hand, would welcome abandonment of further Socialist experiments. They have mobilised for an all-out fight against bringing iron and steel under public ownership.—Associated Press.

Elections In Hungary

Budapest, Aug. 3. The Hungarian Smallholders Party is opposed to nominating Right Wing members for the national elections to be held on Aug. 31.

Several of these Right Wing members, so-called "Constitutionalists," had already left the Party and more were expected to follow. They were negotiating for admission to new parties led by Father Stephen Balogh and M. Zoltan Pfeiffer, former Smallholder Party leaders.

While the election campaign is already in full swing, only the Communists have so far prepared a list of candidates. The Social Democrats were expected to issue the names of their candidates next Thursday.—Reuter.

KING HAAGON'S BIRTHDAY

Oslo, Aug. 3. The Norwegian people presented King Haakon with a yacht on his 75th birthday, celebrated by the whole nation today with festivals throughout the country.

The yacht, paid for by collected money, is the 6,000-ton motor yacht Philante, built for Mr. Tom Soppvith in 1937, to act as escort and storehouse for his racing yacht Endeavour, II, challenger for the America's Cup.—Reuter.

America "Wide Open" From The Air

Washington, Aug. 4. Gen. H. H. Arnold, writing in the American Legion magazine, said today the United States has weakened its air power to a point where it is wide open to another and "infinitely worse" Pearl Harbour attack from bases "on the other side of the world."

The former Chief of Army Air Forces said the United States is now world target number one, but its air forces have been so seriously crippled by post-war economies and neglect that they could offer but token resistance to any lightning attack.

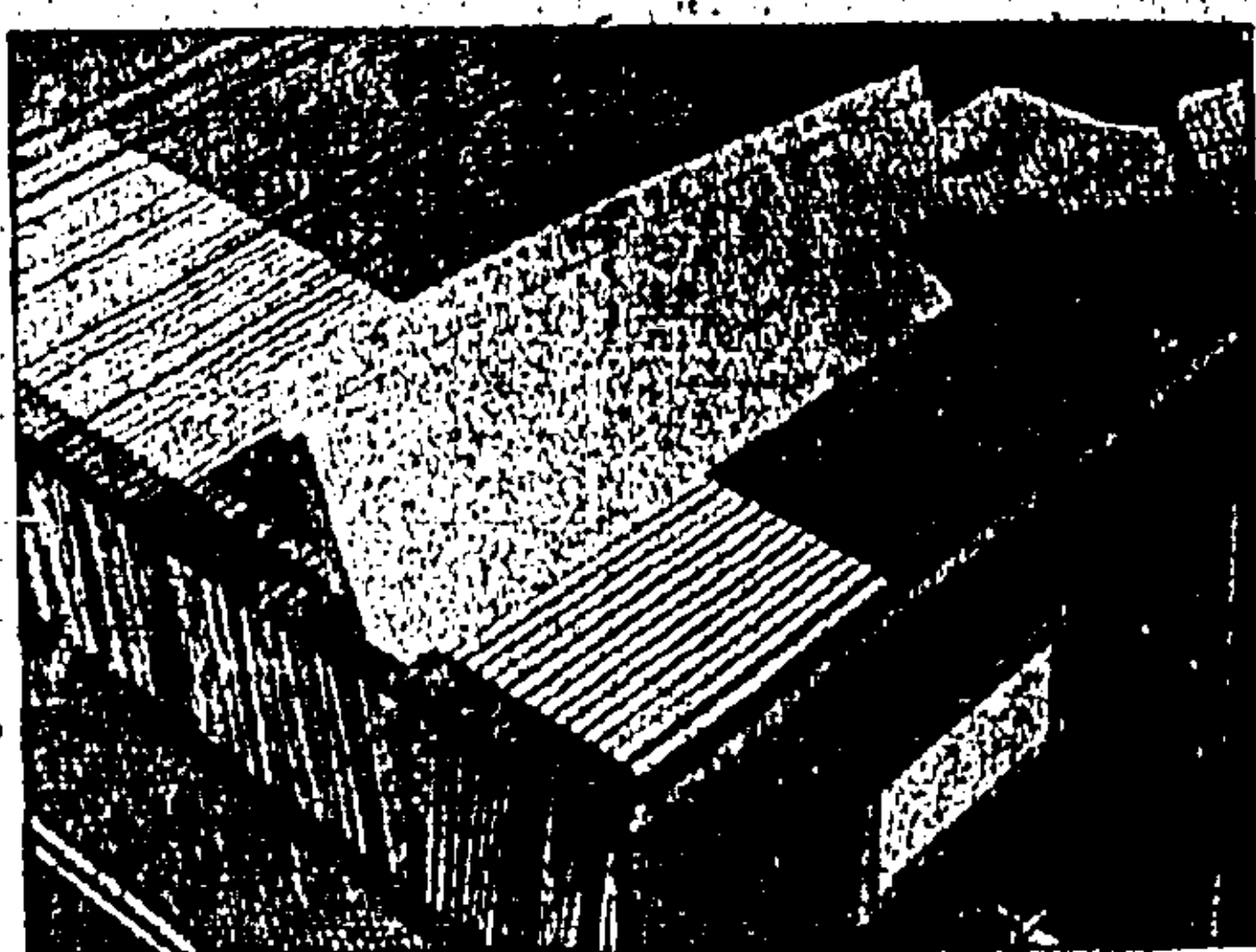
He said: "We seem again to be dozing off or worse still deliberately refusing to heed the lesson of the grimmest war the world has yet seen... The United States air power has withered to less than its 1939 pre-war output."

Gen. Arnold called for an immediate programme to develop the latest military equipment, a thorough industrial mobilization plan, legislation permitting emergency translation of such a plan into action and a top policy government board with the authority to put the nation on an up-to-date war footing.—United Press.

WORLD FLIGHT HELD UP Chicago, Aug. 4. William Gann, co-president of the American World Flight Club, announced today that the world flight race between Gann and a British pilot, because of a technical dispute, would be postponed until later.

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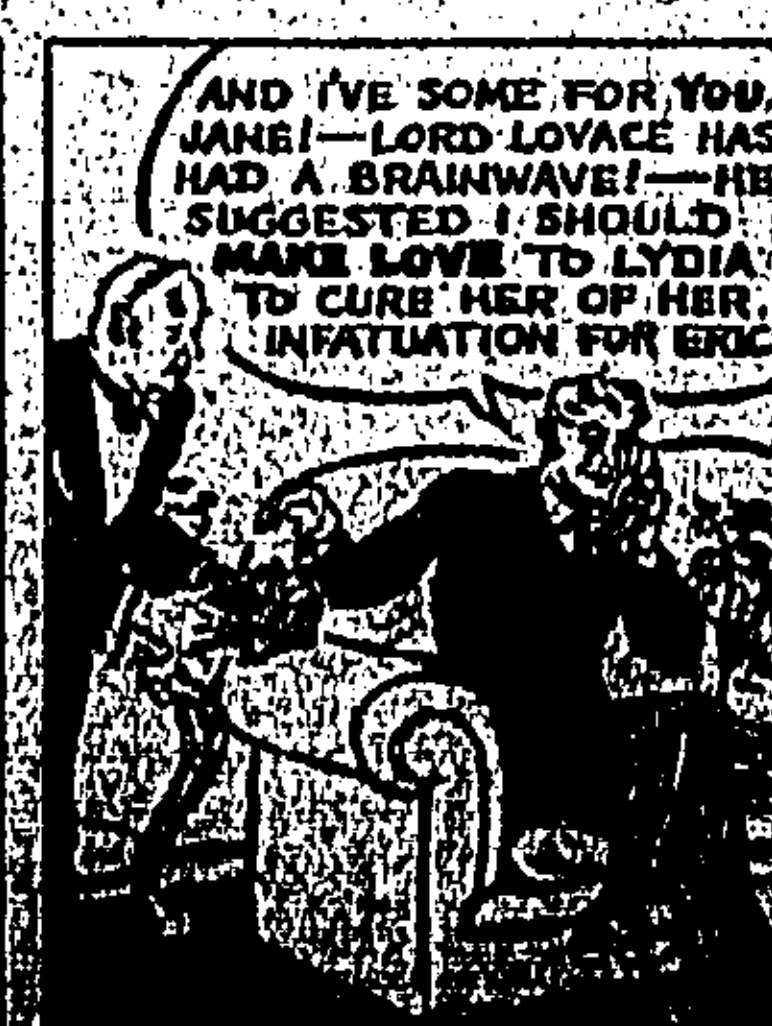
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Australia Will Take Toll Of Jap Industries

Washington, Aug. 4. Australia's Ambassador to the United States said today that his country will insist on reparations from Japan's industrial plant in the hope of removing Nipponese power to make war over again.

She also will demand, he said, that the forthcoming Japanese peace treaty talks set up an Allied system of control and inspection over Japanese life to insure a peaceful nation.

Just how long Japan will have to be supervised by the Allies, Ambassador Norman Wood Makin was not prepared to say. But he did say his Government feels the Allies must remain in Japan until war potential, both in physical plant and psychological attitudes, have been reduced to zero.

"And that must depend on the good faith and behaviour of the Japanese people themselves," he said.

Makin outlined his Government's stand as follows:

1 — An early peace settlement must be negotiated. Australia must play a "primary part" in the talks. Hence Australia is pleased with the recent suggestion from the United States that the Japanese peace treaty be ironed out by an 11-nation conference where decisions would be taken by a two-thirds vote. The American suggestion was immediately protested by the Soviet Union which would prefer to settle peace in the Pacific through the Big Four Foreign Ministers where veto by any of the powers is possible.

No Aircraft

2 — Australia will ask that Japan be permanently prohibited from owning any naval or military aircraft and prohibited from manufacturing or operating even civil aircraft during the period of Allied control. Australia will ask for the right to operate airlines to and within Japan.

3 — Australia will want to be consulted fully when the Japanese fleet is finally allocated among the Allies.

4 — She will not press for reparations that would cripple Japanese economy, Makin said. But she will want the Japanese "war potential removed." She suggests a special committee to work out the industrial machinery that can be removed from Japan and the manner in which it should be distributed among the Allies.

Major Snarl

Far Eastern experts here admit the question of the size of Japanese industry may be one of the major snarls in the peace talks.

The United States will spend an estimated \$813,000,000 to bolster Japanese economy during the next year, and reports from Japan indicate the Japanese are getting further into the red.—Associated Press.

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Germans Will Control Farben

London, Aug. 4. Quoting an announcement by the United States Military Government office which controls the concern, Hamburg Radio stated today that I. G. Farben, the vast German chemical monopoly which fed the Nazi war machine with explosives and equipment, is to remain in German hands with all its production installations.

Individual plants are to be handed over to suitable German buyers—a number of whom have already been screened by the authorities—and will not be sold to foreign firms, the report stated.—Reuter.

Security Move In Burma

London, Aug. 4. The Burma Government today published several new acts to augment the security measures enforced throughout the country since the political assassinations of a fortnight ago.

One was to safeguard military equipment, communications and other public utility services "in view of the lawlessness prevailing in the country."

Another measure aimed at controlling Japanese prisoners of war, and a third was to cope with "the large-scale thefts of military stores and equipment owing to the exceptional conditions now obtaining in the country."—Reuter.

U.S. And Soviet Clash Over Korea Looming

Washington, Aug. 3. The United States is expected within the next week to 10 days to make another high level attempt to break the Soviet-American deadlock over the formation of a provisional government for all Korea.

Well informed officials told United Press that action is scheduled to be taken before Secretary of State George Marshall leaves on Aug. 11 for the inter-American conference in Brazil.

The United States action presumably will consist of another note to Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov. Although officials declined to disclose just what approach would be taken because the final decision on the form has not been made, it was thought likely it will consist of calling M. Molotov's attention to the fact that Soviet-American negotiations in Korea on a field commander level have bogged down hopelessly and that higher level steps are necessary.

The United States is expected to call M. Molotov's attention to his desire, expressed in messages to Gen. Marshall—earlier this year, for a review of the Korean situation by top American and Russian authorities.

Grave Situation

M. Molotov had suggested that such a review be undertaken in August after the Joint Soviet-American Commission in Korea had been given one more chance to reach an agreement.

Washington officials have become increasingly concerned over the Korean situation in the past few weeks.

Political circles recognise the deterioration in Korean morale is the result of continued Russian-American deadlock there and concern over the economic situation. They also do not deny the seriousness of reports that law and order in Southern Korea are deteriorating.—United Press.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CYCLIST

Macao, Aug. 4. A memorial service was held on Sunday afternoon for Chu Man-bin, bicyclist who allegedly died after being knocked down by a Portuguese policeman several days ago.

In a demonstration parade held afterward, banners were carried condemning the Portuguese authorities and asking the Chinese Government to take some action over the alleged incident. There was no interference on the part of the police, although incoming buses were halted while officers tore down slogans posted on the sides.—United Press.

TWO DIE IN JAP RAINS

Tokyo, Aug. 4. At least two were killed as heavy rains on Saturday and Sunday again struck the north Honshu areas and Iwate and Iinagawa prefectures, causing widespread crop and property damage.

The rains washed out crops in several places and disrupted a railway line. They came even before repairs could be made to damage caused by the rainstorm last month.—United Press.

CHINESE CORPS IN JAVA

Medan, Aug. 4. A 700-man Chinese volunteer security corps, including pre-war members of the Chinese National Army, is defending overseas Chinese from Indonesian attacks within territory newly occupied by the Dutch.

The corps still was carrying on its patrols on the eve of the Dutch cease-fire deadline, and was prepared to continue should the rebel Indonesian forces not also stop hostilities.

The nucleus of the security corps consists of Chinese army prisoners brought here by Japanese as a labour battalion. When I visited Pomatangsantur, Indonesian sub-capital for Sumatra which was captured by the Dutch on July 30, truckloads of Chinese already were pouring into the island.

The security corps commander, Lin Seng, said the Indonesians hated the Chinese and had kidnapped hundreds and burned their homes, because "they" took it out on the Chinese when they lost to the Dutch. Like the Japanese soldiers did to us when they were beaten by their own officers.

"Secondly, jealousy of our hard work. They wanted to do away Chinese competition for all time."

"Thirdly, killing of communities where Chinese play an important role, and ending what they call treasonous cooperation between Chinese and Dutch."

The Chinese were blamed by the Indonesians for profiting at their expense, making fortunes from smuggling while the Indonesians, fighting for independence, were starving and went about in rags.—Associated Press.

U.K. Miners Go To Australia

Sydney, Aug. 3. Following nationalisation at home, British coal-mining interests are transferring millions of pounds in capital and human skill to Australia to begin mining "on a huge scale" north of Brisbane.

An announcement of an agreement between the Queensland Government and an English company to exploit rich coal deposits at Blair Athol, Queensland, can be expected at an early date.

First quality coal there can be exploited by the open-cut method. A railway will be built by the company to the sea-coast, and an extensive export trade to the Far East will be built up.

A Welsh expert, Professor T. David Jones, recently connected Blair Athol—Our Own Correspondent.

On the application of DSI W.G. Morrison, Wan Kwong, 38, coolie, was remanded for three days when he appeared before Mr. Latham yesterday, charged with demanding, with menaces the sum of \$2 from Chan Yui-chiu at Jordan Road ferry wharf on Aug. 1.

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APATHY OR WEARINESS?

The state of correspondence in the Press evoked by Sir Alexander Grantham's introductory address to members of Legislative Council, has tended rather to contradict both the main theme and the conclusion drawn. If the public gives an impression of apathy towards affairs governmental and legislative, it may be false to assume that it cannot be stirred to take a keener interest. As to the saluting thought that an immediate absence of agitating forces suggests a community satisfied with the government it gets, the opposite picture, of constituents disappointed and wearied of protest, is swift to dispel complacency. In point of fact, of course, neither line of approach is any more correct than the other. Neither can result in anything but a superficial judgment. The capacity of the people of Hong Kong for active interest in civic affairs has yet to be put to the test. Any expectation that a hint might have been given of their readiness and willingness, or of anxiety, shall we say, in the following given to the proceedings of the Legislative Council, blinks the cold facts. These twenty years or more, there has been but one debate that has risen above the mediocre, and that was a few weeks ago, on the vital issue of housing and Government's abject failure to do anything about it. In general, proceedings are dull and uninspiring, with a box-office appeal scarcely warranting the rating zero-zero. Even that assessment tells but half the story. An analysis of the attitude of the public-at-large towards the composition of the Council provides the rest; and that inevitably produces the key to all indifference. A public quite unable to accept that their interests are genuinely represented by the Unofficial Members, as chosen, must be permitted to react accordingly. His Excellency's apparent insistence that the day of prepared speeches, laboriously read, is over, may introduce a livelier atmosphere into future proceedings, but greater hope lies in the impending Council reform, providing not only an Unofficial majority but a system of selection that promises a more effectively representative body, even while it may fall short of the ideal.

One other issue raised by His Excellency, the high cost of living, touched instantly on a sore point. It is as well, however, that there should be no misunderstanding of the dissatisfaction prevalent in the junior grades of the Government Service, or of the hardships which the white collar class throughout the Colony are compelled to suffer. Sir Alexander's proposal to investigate high prices, with a view to bringing them down, offers the prospect of a more permanent and a sounder solution than the alternative of higher salaries, and further inflationary tendencies. But of that it is not easy to convince the man who is today hard-pressed. And much less so when a member of the Junior Clerical Service ascertains that the revised Colonial Office scale provides substantial benefits only to those already commanding salaries on the higher levels while his own monthly receipts are up by a paltry \$8 to \$10. And equally not when the balance sheets of public companies are very much in the public eye, and the overall picture is one of profit-making well beyond an adequate investment return. In some cases, conceivably, these profits are not likely to be repeated; it has been a question of making hay while the sun shines; with a recession just round the corner. This, nevertheless, is one of the matters which warrants Government's attention. A sound economy will emerge only if costs are brought down; not by larger payments to the public spending

Experiment In Industrial Self-Government

By Dr. George Gretton

When Britain's Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, announced his plans for safeguarding the country's supply of electrical power for industry, his statement was received without question and almost without criticism. Apart from the raising of two or three technical points, the House of Commons listened without comment. Yet what Mr. Isaacs was proposing amounts to a minor social revolution.

Last winter, owing to the coal shortage and an almost tragic concatenation of adverse circumstances, Britain's power industry was unable to meet the demands put on it. The overall output of power was far greater than in any previous year but the increased demand—domestic and industrial—was such that the load became too great at the peak hours of the day when industries were working at full blast and domestic consumption for heating and cooking reached its maximum. The result was that cuts had to be made at various times of the day resulting in acute discomfort to large sections of the population. What was far more important and dangerous in the long run than their discomfort was the disruption of industrial production. At a time when production meant everything to the country factories had to be slowed down and for a critical week some of them were shut down. The

effects are still reflected in the shortage of goods at home and were seen in vital export figures.

Radical Changes

Although by a great effort exports have been kept up and the curve is rising again, there is no doubt that the ultimate target of 75 per cent. above prewar will take longer to reach than had been hoped for before the crisis. Therefore, no responsible person will deny for a moment that a repudiation of last winter's power crisis must be prevented at all costs.

This explains the ready acceptance of measures which in normal times would be highly controversial. For Mr. Isaacs' plans for staggering hours of work will involve a revolution in the daily lives of perhaps millions of people. What Mr. Isaacs proposes to do is to spread industrial production over a great part of 24 hours so that demand for electric power is distributed evenly. Provided this can be done, power stations can meet the demand. But it means that many people will have to work at night, others will start their day before sunrise, and others will work till eleven o'clock at night.

All this means radical changes of habit and routine—different meal times, different hours of sleep. Not only will workers in factories be affected but many

others in ancillary occupations. These include bus and train drivers who take workers to their place of work and of course housewives who must look after them and perhaps also provide for children whose meal times and sleeping hours will be at different times.

Regional Boards

To organise this immense switchover in two or three months is a big task. It has been entrusted to regional boards for industry. These boards, 11 in number, have developed out of wartime regional production boards. They consist of representatives of all interested parties—employers, trade unions and relevant Government departments under an independent chairman. Since the war, they have changed or restricted their functions and have become primarily advisory bodies. They are the main organisations for joint consultation—that is for planning production and solving industrial problems by discussion and agreement between the main groups concerned. Although less has been heard of these bodies since the war they have done a great deal of effective work. During the fuel and weather crisis of last winter they had the task of improving local arrangements to overcome or mitigate its effects. They have at their disposal a big body of factual and statistical data as a basis for carrying out the new plan. But the most important thing about them is their representative character.

An Experiment In Democracy

In wartime it is possible to mobilise and direct manpower completely. Under a dictatorship measures can be decreed and enforced without regard to their cost in hardships and suffering to the individual. But in a democratic society it is impossible to carry out measures which disrupt the entire private daily life of millions of people except with the consent of those concerned. Mr. Isaacs announced penalties for non-compliance—fines of up to £500 or a year's imprisonment. But if some millions of people simply refused to comply, even if several thousand refused, it would be quite impracticable to put them all in prison.

Thus the carrying out of this vital task by regional boards is really an experiment in democracy. The necessity being recognised it is the representatives of the people concerned who will devise in detail means of carrying out the new policy.

This is no easy task and it will entail planning ability and goodwill. But if it succeeds it will do two things: it will get the last ounce out of Britain's power supply system at a critical time and more important it will set an example of democracy far transcending its immediate aim.

"I haven't the time," he said. "Running the Masjoemi is a full time job."—Associated Press.

Police There At Same Time

Rome, Aug. 4.
Italy's first full-dress political duel since the war was cancelled today when police and the fascists arrived simultaneously at the appointed duelling grounds at a villa in the capital suburbs.

The duel was to have been fought between two Assembly Deputies—Right Wing Socialist Paolo Treves and Emilio Patrissi, leader of the Nationalistic Right Wing of the allegedly neo-fascist "Common Man" Party.

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S Q 10 5
H A Q 7 4
D J 2
C 10 7 5 4
S A 9
H 10 9 8
D Q 10 9 6
C 4 3
S J 6 3
H J 6 3
D A 6 5
C A K J 3
(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

South West North East
1 C 1 D 1 H Pass
1 NT Pass 3 NT
In the South on this rubber deal was one of the world's greatest players, Lee Hazen, winner of many championships, playing with a partner who had terrific confidence in his wizardry. Sitting East was a very bright chap, none too experienced in fast company, who had reached the stage at which he tried to cope with expert opposition by doing everything unorthodox he could think of.

East began his "amateurism" by passing when 1-Spade was his normal call. It had the effect of encouraging North to jump into an unmakeable game contract against which five tricks could be taken in diamonds, two in spades and one in hearts, and he stayed "smart" by not doubling.

Now let's see what his brilliant cause in the play. Mr. Hazen took the third diamond trick, on which East discarded the heart 2. He led a heart to the Q, East playing the 5 as a "smart" play to blank his K. Just as that was being done, Mr. Hazen saw West reaching for the trick, expecting East to have the K. So he laid down the heart A next, dropping the K. On the club 10, East false-carded the 9, so Mr. Hazen abandoned the finesse idea and dropped the Q with the K and A. The heart J, club J, club 3 to the 7 and heart 7 then completed "impossible" game.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K 10 4 3
H 7 6 5 4
D None
C A K Q 10 6

S 8 7
H A Q 8
D Q 8 6 4
C J 5 4
S 2
H K
D A J 10
C 7 5 3 2

S A Q J 6 5
H J 10 9 8 2
D K 9
C 9

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)
After North's 1-Club, what would be your bidding plan in the East to hampering your opponents, if possible, out of a good contract?

"CEASE FIRE" IN INDONESIA

Announcement By Dutch Governor-General

Brum Gets Dose Of Hot Gospel Girl

Birmingham, Aug. 3. Amid cries of "Hallelujah" and "Amen," Renee Martz, the seven-year-old Los Angeles "hot gospel girl," preached in the Birmingham suburb of West Bromwich, Staffordshire, tonight in the first of a series of revivalist meetings she will address in Britain.

With her Evangelist father, Jack Martz, her mother Esther, and her tutor Ruby May Jones, of Seattle, the little girl arrived yesterday.

The audience tonight was gripped by emotion as Renee told bible stories, ending with an inviolable plea to those present to "take Christ into your heart."

Waving her arms and beating the pulpit rail, Renee called on the congregation to join in the singing and clap their hands at certain passages. Reuter.

Republic Leaders Released

Batavia, Aug. 3. Dutch military action in Indonesia, which began a fortnight ago, is to end at midnight tomorrow local time (night of Monday-Tuesday), Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Netherlands Governor-General, announced over the radio tonight.

This latest outbreak of hostilities started when Dutch forces launched what is officially described as a "police action" on July 20-21 after the breakdown of two months of discussions with the Indonesian Republican Cabinet on the formation of an interim government. Tonight's development was not unexpected.

The order, given to terminate Dutch action in Indonesia at midnight of August 4-5 was given by Dr. Van Mook over the radio tonight, when he said:

"Although the Netherlands Government remains convinced that there is no ground for the intervention of the Security Council, because Article 35 of the Charter does not apply, and that the resolution constitutes an interference in the internal affairs of the Netherlands Kingdom which has no legal foundation, it has nevertheless decided to comply with the request contained in the Security Council's resolution.

"The Netherlands Government desires to prove again that it does not want to neglect any possibility of limiting an

act made necessary by an untenable and lawless situation.

"Moreover, it wants to give another opportunity to the Republic to relinquish its attitude of aggression and provocation, and come to a real execution of the Lingard Agreement (setting up the United States of Indonesia).

Law And Order

"It wishes finally to enable the United States Government, in the fullest possible way, to make effective its good services."

As soon as possible, those parts of Java and Sumatra, where the Netherlands Government has taken over direct responsibility for law and order would be clearly indicated, Dr. Van Mook said.

Having regard to the conditions found in those regions, and to certain actions and threats on the Republican side, the Netherlands Indies Government stressed that it would fulfil its responsibilities and its obligations for the safety of persons and property and the restoration of law and order to the fullest extent and will use all the means at its disposal.

The end of the Dutch action was heralded this afternoon by the release of seven leading Indonesian Republicans from Dutch custody in Batavia.

The Republican Vice-Premier, Dr. A. K. Gani, one of the men released, was handed the United Nations Security Council's cable to the Republic Government calling for a cease fire in Indonesia by Dr. P. J. Kees, principal secretary to Dr. Van Mook.

Vice-Premier Recognised

Dr. Koets also handed Dr. Gani a note from Dr. Van Mook, the Netherlands Governor-General, saying that the Dutch Government was prepared to transmit the Security Council's cable to Dr. Sjarifuddin, the Indonesian Premier, at Jogjakarta, by radio if Dr. Gani desired.

Dr. Gani promised to answer the Dutch offer by tomorrow.

He said in an interview tonight that it was possible he might ask Australia, India, the United States or Britain to send the cable by an intermediary communication channel.

Dr. Gani added that Dr. Van Mook had in his letter addressed him as "Your Excellency," and he knew that his status as Vice-Premier was being recognised.

The Security Council cable, signed by Paria El Khoury, of Syria, President of the Council, reached Batavia last night and was held at Dr. Van Mook's residence until tonight.

Dr. Gani told correspondents that when he saw Dr. Koets, the question of ceasing hostilities and reopening negotiations had not been discussed.

Among the seven leading Indonesian Republicans released this afternoon, besides Dr. Gani, were Dr. Mohamed Tami, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Mohamed Natsir, former Minister of Information.

Dutch Success

The Indonesian leaders had been held in custody since the breakdown of negotiations between Dutch and Indonesian forces which preceded the beginning of the Dutch "police action" a fortnight ago.

Dr. Gani headed the Indonesian delegation to Batavia, and when the other members returned to the Republic capital at Jogjakarta, he and Mr. Tami remained in Batavia and were placed in custody.

Dutch guards posted round the Batavia residence of the ex-Premier, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, where the Indonesian leaders were held, were withdrawn this afternoon.

The Republican Mayor, and Deputy Mayor of Batavia, are now the only important Republican officials in Dutch custody.

A Dutch Navy communication ship, the "Dutch Navy," was captured without difficulty by the Dutch Navy at Tjilatjap.

MONTY ON HIS RETURN

Singapore, Aug. 3. Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, told reporters here today that he was going home on his own volition for personal reasons—nobody had asked or instructed him to return to England.

"I merely thought I had been away long enough," he said. He added that he was disappointed that he had not seen General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, who was the only one of the leading military figures he had not yet met.

Asked if British arms would be prepared to come to the help of Singapore in case of another war, Lord Montgomery said: "What war? I had not heard there was going to be another."—Reuter.

Western Java, last important port in Indonesian hands.

It was a double operation. The navy landing parties occupying the harbour area while army units entered from the landward side. Both town and harbour had been damaged by fire and the town was practically uninhabitable, the communication cut. Earlier reports had said that oil tanks had been set on fire under Republican "scorched earth" policy.

Station Strated

A large quantity of British-made ammunition, food and textiles, was found in Banjarnegara, taken by the Dutch in their advance on Tjilatjap from the north coast port of Tegal, the Dutch Army also announced.

An Indonesian Republican communique broadcast from Jogjakarta said a Dutch plane attacking the railway station at Kedundjati, 20 miles southeast of Semarang, killed a number of people, including some railway officials.

It was reported from Lake Success, New York, that United Nations high officials expressed gratification tonight at the news report of the Dutch announcement that Dutch action in Indonesia would be terminated in accordance with the decision of the Security Council.

Official comment, however, was withheld until a formal notification was received from the Netherlands Government, which, as well as that from Indonesia, was expected to arrive at any moment.

A message from The Hague said that Dr. Eelco Van Kleffens, the Dutch Ambassador in Washington, was expected to inform the United Nations Security Council at Lake Success of the Dutch decision made at the Cabinet meeting yesterday—to cease fire in Indonesia.

Air Line Rumour

Reports that the Batavia to Amsterdam service of the Royal Netherlands Air Lines had been temporarily suspended today were based on a misunderstanding, according to official sources in The Hague tonight.

The Netherlands News Agency had earlier reported that the Royal Netherlands Air Lines Skyliner due to leave this morning from Batavia did not start, and that this was presumably because of India's refusal to allow Dutch landings on Indian airfields.

The Indian Government had given no instructions to prohibit landings on Indian airfields as far as was known, official sources said tonight. The air service would therefore be continued normally.

Dr. A. K. Gani, Indonesian Vice-Premier, stated tonight that the Indonesian Republican Government may not have time to order its troops to cease fire by midnight tomorrow.

He added that he thought there would be difficulties in communicating in time with the four Republican area commanders.

It is understood that Dr. Gani conferred with the Australian Consul General, Mr. B. C. Ballard, after receipt of the Security Council cable from the Dutch, and later sent a letter to Dr. Van Mook asking that the Dutch authorities transmit the text to the Republican Prime Minister, Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin at Jogjakarta.

The Gani is believed to be unwilling to accept responsibility for any delays in transmitting the Security Council's message which has already been delayed in Batavia for more than 24 hours.

It was reported from South Sumatra that the 3,000 Dutch soldiers, captured by the Indonesian Republican forces, had been sent to the Dutch Navy at Tjilatjap.

New Alliance In The Balkans

Belgrade, Aug. 3. Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, said today that the far-reaching Bulgarian-Yugoslav agreement signed in Bled last night was "a death blow to the attempts of international imperialists and our own reactionaries to turn the Balkans again into Europe's powder keg."

"We are not creating any blocs. We do not want them. But we have the right to ensure our people a peaceful life regardless of what the reactionaries say beyond our frontiers there in the West."

The agreement, which was signed by the Yugoslav and Bulgarian Foreign Ministers, provided for a mutual assistance pact, and for the closest economic, political and cultural cooperation.

It virtually wiped out the Yugoslav-Bulgarian frontier, since it agreed on the elimination of entry and exit visas and provided for two-party ownership of all properties along the entire frontier, and an eventual customs union.

Clashes for economic cooperation provided for mutual assistance in industry, electrification, agriculture, transport and foreign trade, for a fixed rate of exchange and for an extension of rail and other communications between the two countries.

The pact included an undertaking to establish close contact between the two Governments on "the frequent frontier provocations by the Greek Government."

ATHENS DIM VIEW

Athens, Aug. 3. The far-reaching Yugoslav-Bulgarian agreement signed last night at Bled, the summer seat of the Yugoslav Government, with its reference to "frontier provocations by the Greek Government" was widely regarded in Athens today as a signal for open Yugoslav and Bulgarian support of the guerillas now operating in Northern Greece.

The Greek Cabinet will probably discuss the new situation arising from the pact tomorrow, but it was understood that the Government was relying essentially upon the success of the present talks in Washington by M. Constantinides, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, and on the decisions by the United Nations Security Council, to oppose any Slav moves against Greece.

The Athens news agency today quoted a report published in the when the British Government's ban on shipments of war materials to the Netherlands East Indies came into force.

The cargo, already on board before the ban—including steel helmets, water carriers, barbed wire, Bren gun parts and hospital equipment—was allowed to remain.—Reuter.

Agreement

Singapore, Aug. 3. Antara, the Indonesian news agency, in a broadcast from Jogjakarta today, said that the Republican Government had agreed to follow the Dutch in laying the cease-fire order.

Antara said the Republic expressed doubt that the cessation of hostilities would be effective until the armed forces of both sides were withdrawn behind the demarcation lines agreed upon on Oct. 14, 1946.

The Indonesian news agency also said: "Only in this way can the Indonesian population, who are executing, together with the Indonesian Republican Army, the people's defence against Dutch colonial aggression, be protected and freed from anarchy, intimidation, retaliation and terrorism by the Dutch army in places now being occupied by Dutch forces."

Meanwhile, the "Voice of Free Indonesia," monitored here today, said representatives of Australian trade unions met with Dr. Esmann, Indonesian Minister in Canberra, to discuss the possibility of sending medical supplies to Indonesia.

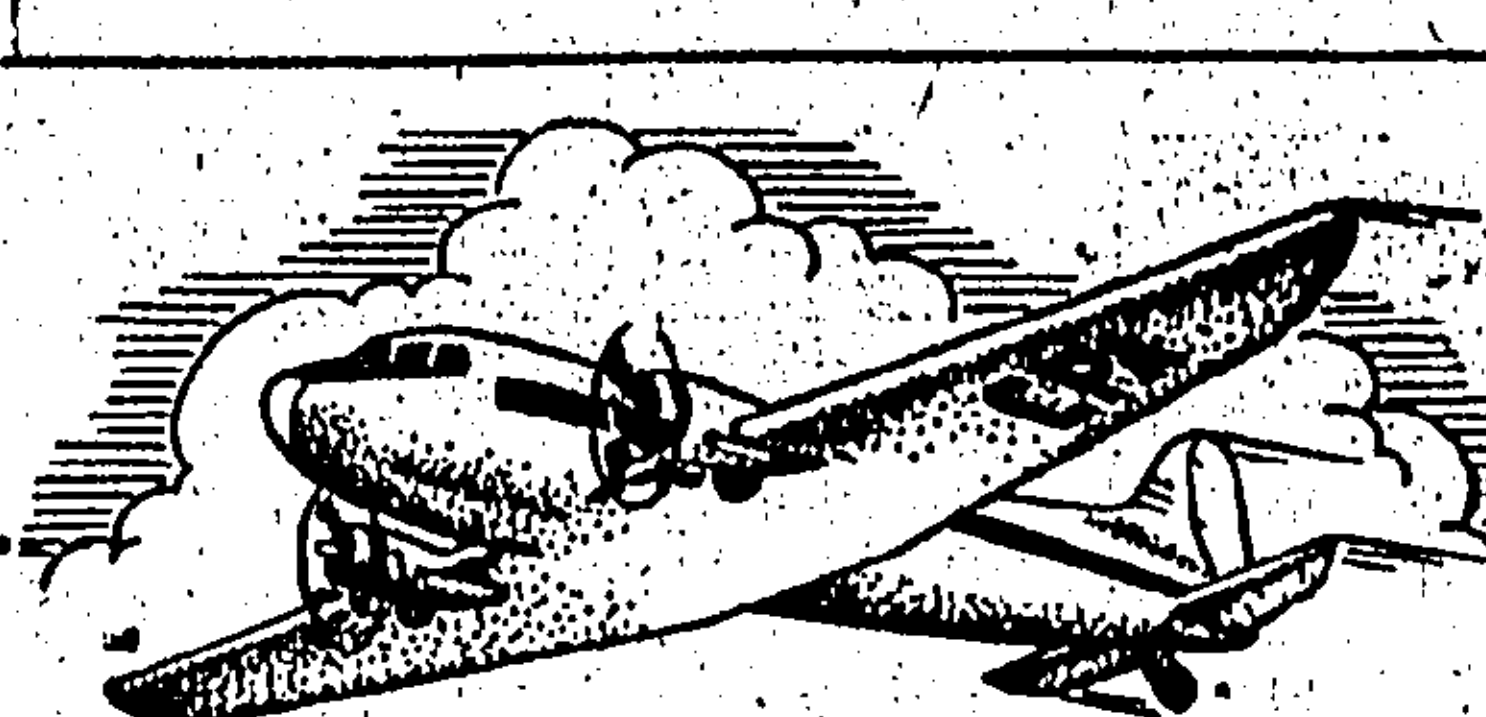
The broadcast said the union suggested that British planes fly medical supplies into Republican territory, via Singapore.—United Press.

Madura Landing

Batavia, Aug. 4. Approximately 12 hours before the scheduled end of hostilities in Indonesia, a Dutch army spokesman said today that Netherlands forces had landed on the island of Madura, off the east coast of Java.

The island is included in the area which was to have been a part of the Indonesian Republic under the Cherbon agreement. The spokesman said that the landing had been carried out at the request of the population.

He said large quantities of food, clothing and other supplies were being sent to Madura to feed the population of more than 1,000,000, which he said was in a starving condition as a result of being cut off from supplies by the Dutch.



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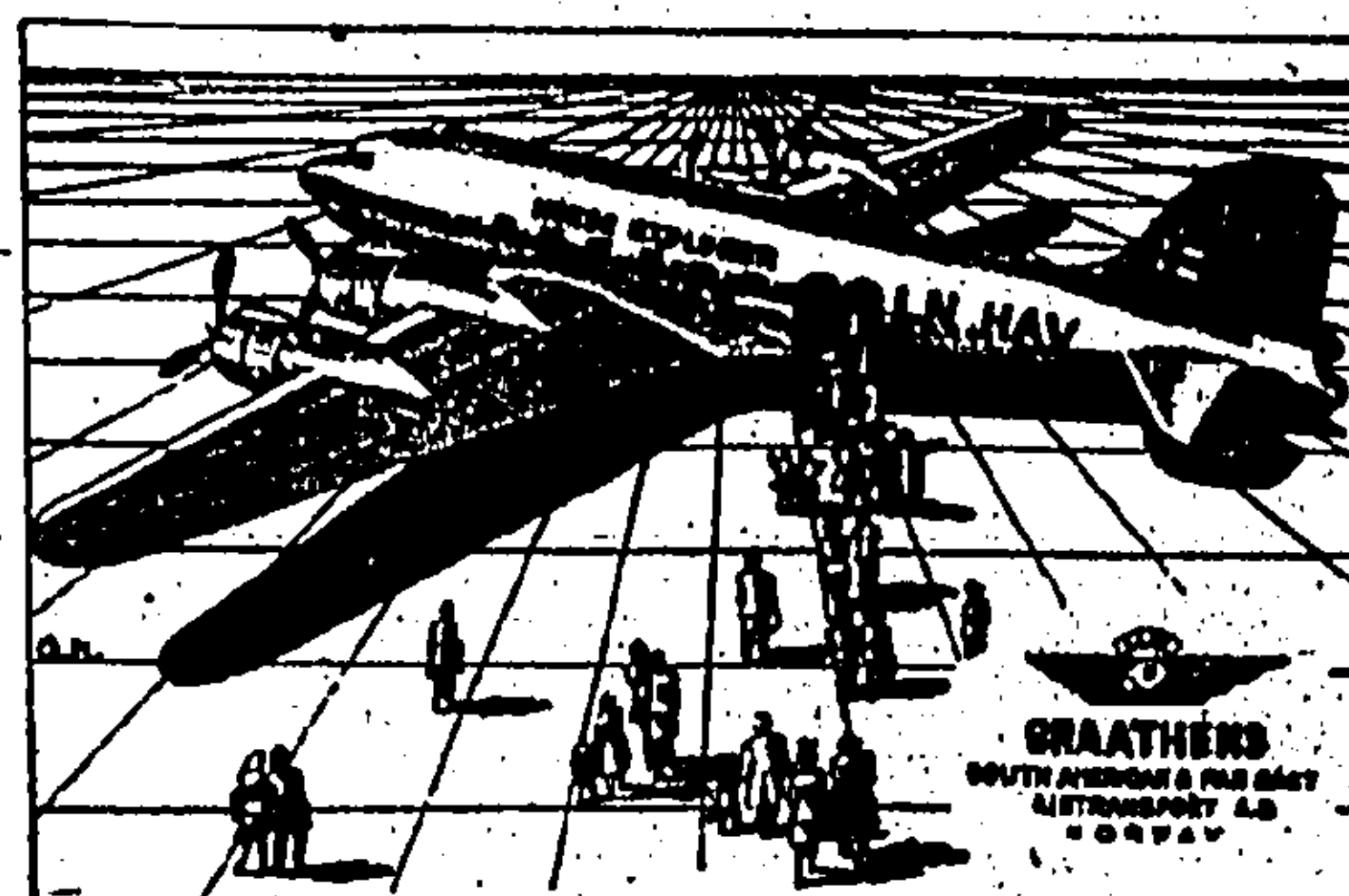
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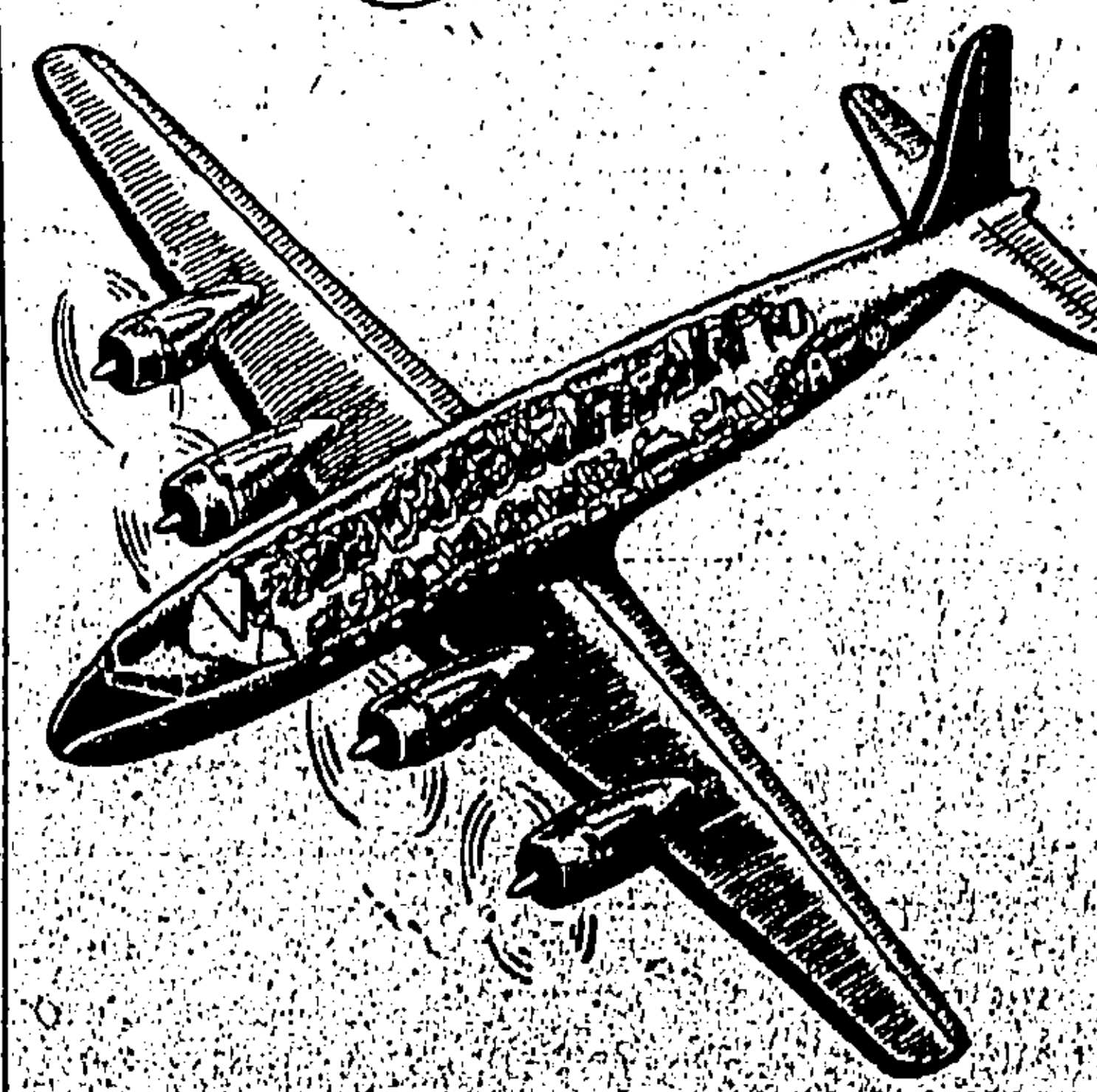
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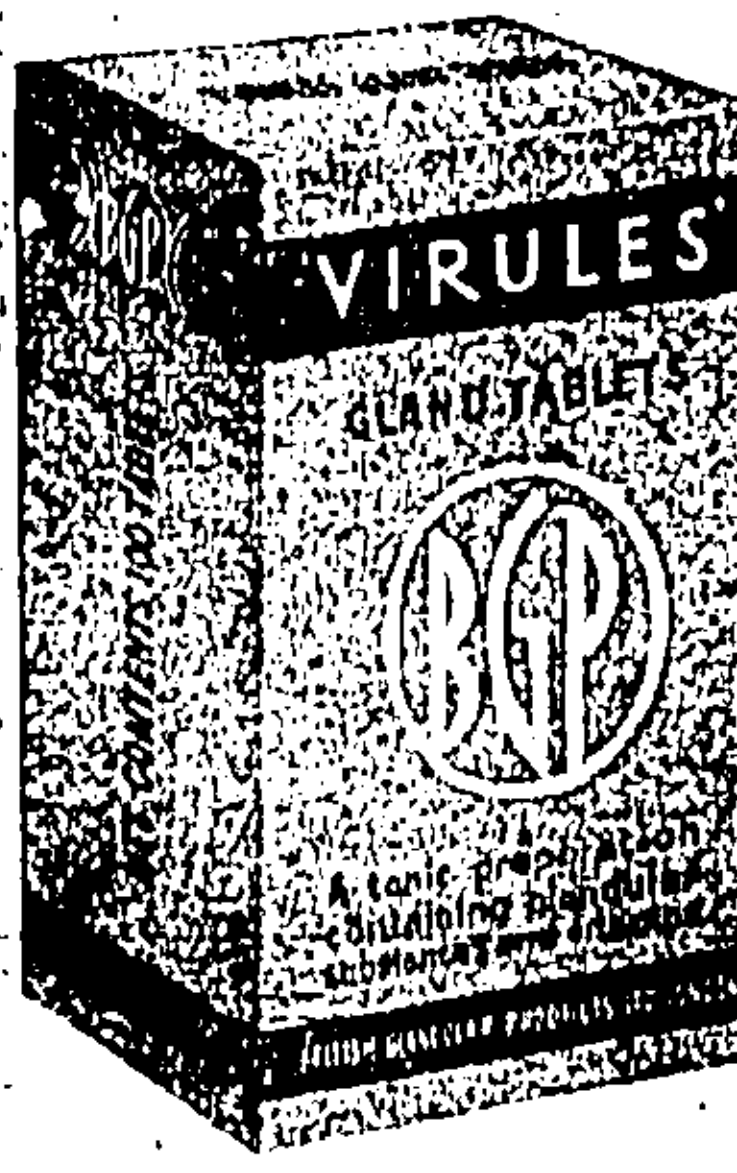
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STOCK EXCHANGE BREAK

Heavy Losses In London Market Values

Recovery Waits On Mr. Attlee

London, Aug. 4. The British Government got out of the stock market this week, removing the official prop under Government securities, and share prices dropped in one of the market's most sensational breaks in years. Conservative estimates figure the loss in market values on the London Exchange in little more than a week at more than \$2,000,000,000. So severe was the break that analysts speculated on the possibility that minimum prices would be imposed for all British Government securities dealt on the exchange.

The effect of such action perhaps would "freeze" the market in Government bonds for the time being. People could not sell unless there was somebody ready to buy at the legal minimum. Such a "freezing" measure was adopted during the war, but at much lower prices. Immediately behind the break in prices was what appeared to be at least temporary abandonment of the Government's "cheap money" plan.

Expansion Of Electric Companies

New York, Aug. 4. Electric light and power companies in the United States spent more than \$1,000,000,000 on new construction last year and will continue to expand at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 annually for the next four years, Charles E. Oakes, President of the Edison Electric Institute declared.

By last year's end, he said, electric companies had 40,360,000 kilowatts of generating capacity installed compared with approximately 10,000,000 kilowatts of United States Government projects such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and Bonneville Administration.

Oakes said about 95 per cent of new generating installations would consist of steam turbine using coal oil or gas. Associated Press.

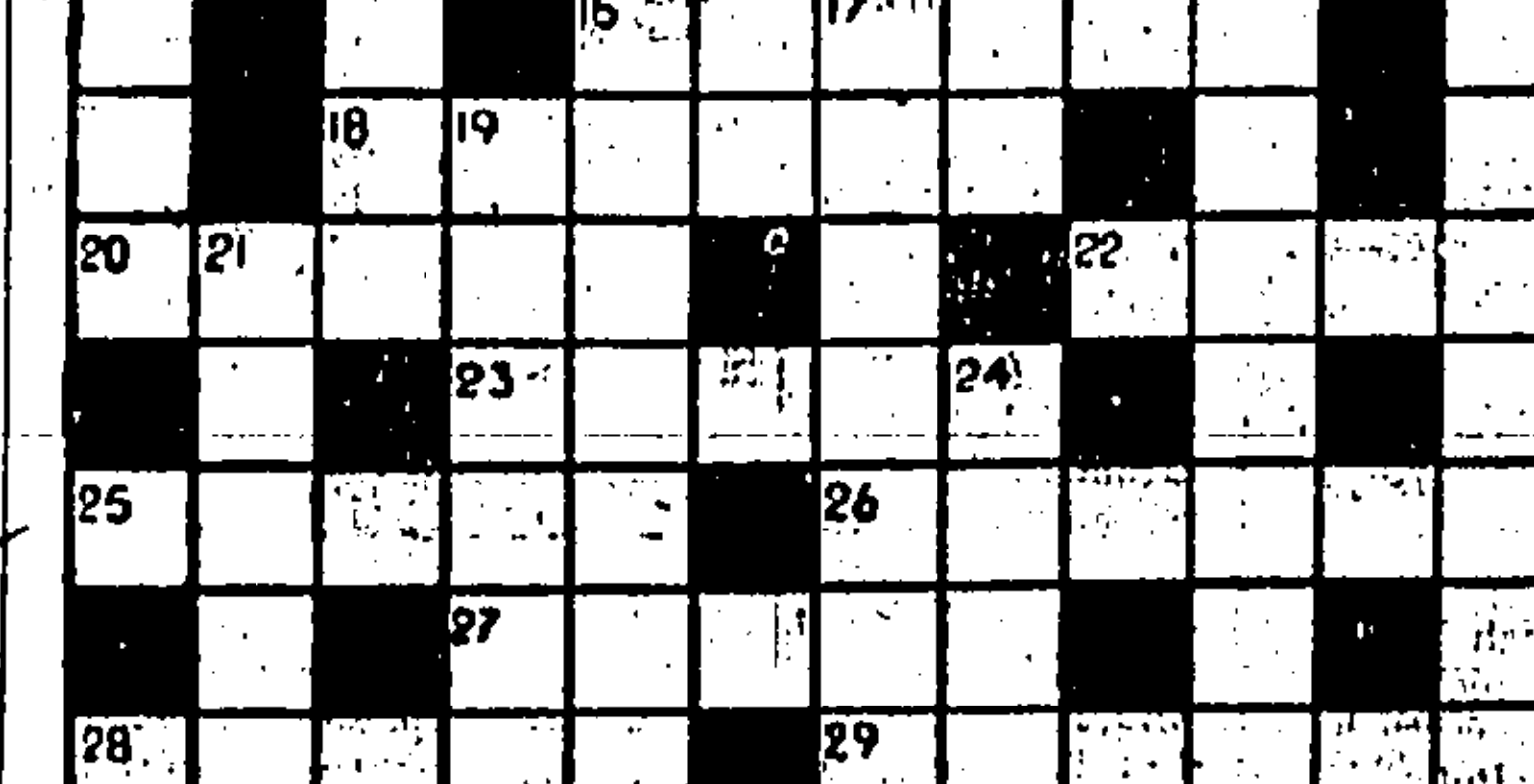
Not A Panic

But looming large was the spectre of economic chaos in dollar short debt.

A market recovery on a substantial scale, one highly placed source who declined to be quoted directly said, depends upon what Prime Minister Attlee says in the Commons debate on the economic crisis this week.

While emphasizing that unloading in the stock market was not of "the panic" variety, the source admitted that it did amount to "nervous liquidation." Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Ousts.
6. Racecourse.
8. Dodge.
9. Champion.
10. Satisfy.
11. Opportunity.
12. Chain of.
13. Attack.
14. Tenant.
18. Risk.
20. Feeble.
22. Reveal.
23. Alude.
25. Pertaining to mankind.
26. Attraction.
27. Guide.
28. Board game.
29. Spice.

Clues Down

1. Lasting.
2. Mockery.
3. Optical glass.
4. Ease off.
5. Fatty.
6. Unruffled.
7. Weight.
8. Snake.
15. Menace.
16. Means.
17. Plans.
18. Worry.
19. Register.
21. Amusement.
24. Uncommon.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Dropout; 5. Tames; 8. Veer; 9. Barren; 11. Issue; 12. Turned; 14. Pass; 16. Naive; 18. Exalt; 19. Stud; 20. Plente; 24.

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BRITISH TRADE FIGURES

London, Aug. 4. The value of Britain's imports hit a 27-year peak of \$460,000,000 in the second quarter of this year, the Board of Trade Journal reported. This is \$22,000,000 higher than the preceding quarter and \$101,000,000 greater than total exports for the April-June period. Volume of goods and services sent abroad during the period represented 102 per cent of the second quarter of 1938 export figure, but was nine per cent lower than the fourth quarter of 1946. Associated Press.

U.S. Business Visits To Japan

Washington, Aug. 4. The names of the first American businessmen approved for entry into Japan to develop trade with the former enemy country were announced today by the Commerce Department's Office of International Trade.

Approved by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of the Allied powers, they will go into Japan between Aug. 16 and Aug. 29 on permits good for 21 days from the date of arrival. When their time is up another group will follow. The list named one representative for each of the 102 firms.

American share of a world quota of 400 firms based on the number of outside businessmen that can be accommodated in Japan at one time.

Firms from all areas of the United States are included on the list. The Trade Office said most of them are interested in importing Japanese products for sale here, but a few are interested in sending raw materials to Japan for processing and re-export. Associated Press.

CONSTRUCTION UP

Washington, Aug. 4. New construction in the United States during July scored a more than seasonal gain of almost nine per cent over June, the Department of Commerce reported.

July value was estimated at \$1,139,000,000, against \$1,059,000,000 for June and \$982,000,000 for July of last year. Associated Press.

EX-MISSIONARY PASSES

Indianapolis, Aug. 4. Mrs. Bertha Adkins Cory, 77, former Disciple of Christ missionary to China, died in her home here on Sunday. She was the wife of Dr. Abram E. Cory, Butler University faculty member and former Secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society.

She served with him in China for 12 years, most of the time at the University of Nanking. Associated Press.

Poor Harvest Outlook In Germany

Berlin, Aug. 3. The German farmer is worried about the harvest, which according to German experts, will not be good and he is worried about the new measures in all zones to enforce the farm collection programme much more vigorously.

Harvest prospects vary from zone to zone. The most promising comes from the British zone and some of the broad acres of Eastern Germany. The most disappointing is from Bavaria, in the south.

The Germans say that the overall yield will be 75 per cent below that of last year, when production reached only 55 per cent of the peacetime figure.

The heavy frosts early in the year were followed by summer drought, and wide areas in Bavaria, Thuringia, Hesse and North Rhine-Westphalia had no rain for weeks.

In the western part of the Soviet zone, the Colorado beetle pest has assumed a threatening aspect.

In Saxony, thousands are fighting to save the potato crop and the Provincial Ministry of Education "ordered schoolchildren" and teachers "to help rid the land of the pest."

A four-power delegation of the Allied Control Council, touring Germany to ascertain harvest prospects, has completed investigations in the British zone. The harvest there, particularly of rice,

NO CAPITALISM FOR POLAND

Gdansk, Aug. 3. Economic collaboration with other countries under conditions dictated by "unavoidable necessities" was impossible for Poland, the Polish Vice-Prime, said today at the opening of a session of the National Assembly.

Poland, he said, was a "people's state" and "the interests of the people must be the only consideration in all decisions."

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China Coal Mines Development

Nanking, Aug. 4. The National Resources Commission yesterday requested an appropriation of CN\$80,000,000,000 for the development of coal mines in Central and South China, which are free from Communist menace. The Commission said that production can be stepped up to 2,500 tons daily by the end of 1947 and to 5,800 tons by the end of 1948 following the improvement of facilities.

The proposal of the National Resources Commission to develop mines in Honan, Kiangsi and Northern Kwangtung followed reduced operations of coal mines in Manchuria and North China which are either badly damaged or isolated due to disrupted communications.

Meanwhile, measures to encourage coal production in Formosa were also adopted. The Government will offer higher prices for the coal mined and at the same time exempt the miners from military service in order to avoid the danger of labour shortage. United Press.

NEW PEAK FOR EARNINGS

New York, Aug. 4. Hourly earnings in 25 United States industries reached a new peak in May for the sixteenth straight month, the National Industrial Conference Board reported.

Weekly earnings also reached a new high but "real" earnings—adjusted for changes in the consumers price index—were still below the war years although slightly higher for April. Employment was down slightly from the May level. Associated Press.

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Tojo Claims War Was Forced On Him

Tokyo, Aug. 4.

"Military encirclement and economic strangulation" provoked Japan into war and forced her to strike the first blow in the Pacific War, the defence for former Premier Hideki Tojo and 24 co-defendants asserted in two separate opening statements at the trial of the war criminal suspects this morning.

It was the "true expectation and desire of the Western powers" that Japan should strike the first blow, the defence claimed.

The International Military Tribunal resumed hearing this morning after six weeks' recess with the absence of four tribunal judges, including Mei Ja-no of China, who failed to return in time for the resumption of the trial.

The two opening statements virtually accused the Allied powers of conspiring against Japan and attempted to pin the blame on the Allied nations for the war in the Pacific.

The defence alleged that between 1930 and 1941, the United States "feverishly" made preparations for war with Japan. Soviet Russia's Five-Year Plans were "hanging as an ever-present menace over Japan's head," the defence further asserted.

Declaring that Japan was unprepared for war with the Western powers, the defence statement claimed that it was not until Sept. 6, 1941—only three months before Pearl Harbor—that Japan took serious steps to prepare for war in the Pacific.

Old Theme

Another cause which had forced Japan into war with the Western powers, the defence statements added, was the United States policy in aiding China.

Tokyo, Aug. 4.

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MORE RIOTING IN INDIA

Amritsar, Aug. 3.

Sixteen were killed and 20 injured as disorders continued in Amritsar and surrounding villages today.

In the town itself three were killed and two injured in stabbing affairs and 14 injured in an explosion.

A bomb was thrown at the railway station near Amritsar, resulting in four killed and three injured.

The casualties in villages near here were six killed and four injured—Reuters.

Smuggling Ring Smashed

Tokyo, Aug. 4.

The smashing of a Chinese drug and sugar smuggling ring was announced by the United States Army today.

The announcement said seamen from the British merchant ship Pak Hoi attempted to smuggle ashore large quantities of American penicillin.

Agents searching the ship seized 1,247 vials of penicillin and 10 lbs. of saccharine.

Nine of 15 sailors will be deported to China while the remainder were sentenced to one year's hard labour—United Press.

The principal negotiators were said to be the Polish State Councilor, Lieut. Col. W. Molki, head of the Polish delegation; Josef Orlopp, president of the Foreign Trade Department of the German Central Administration for the Soviet Zone; Fritz Selbmann, Minister of Economy for Saxony.

The point of departure in the negotiations is the trade agreement signed between the two parties last April providing for exchange of goods fixed at US\$23,000,000. The new negotiations will broaden the list and volume of goods to be exchanged and will lay the basis for the economic integration of the Soviet Zone into the Eastern economic bloc of Poland, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Russia and other countries, informed sources said.

The total value of the goods being considered by German-Polish negotiators could not be learned. Soviet Zone negotiators were said to have offered the Poles technical and electro-technical mining equipment, precision tools, optical instruments, textiles, machinery, spare parts, shoes and leather, glassware, synthetic gasoline, synthetic rubber, chemicals and potash fertilizers.

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CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP Middlesex Or Lancs Favoured To Win

Yorkshire's New Players

(By "C. L.")

Now that the County Championship is at its most interesting stage, Cricket fans are speculating on the outcome. It is my intention to comment on a few of the leading Counties.

In my last article at the beginning of the Season I boldly, but not without foundation, predicted that Yorkshire would be entirely out of the running in the present Championship race. I seem to have been correct; but I was certainly mistaken in rating Surrey so highly have so far been most disappointing, although they were the most unfortunate at times.

Middlesex, Lancashire and Kent, the three other Counties I mentioned as possible contenders, are still in the running, although the last named has a very slim chance.

Gloucester are at present at the top of the table with, I think, over ten wins to their credit. Without the help of the great Hammond, they were most fortunate in finding Barnett, Crapp, Emmett and Goddard, to whom increasing years seem to make little difference, as well as they in form. I am, however, still of the opinion that at the end of the Season it will be either Middlesex or Lancashire and not Gloucester who will be at the head of the table.

Lancs' Skipper

Besides their two great all-rounders, W. J. Edrich and D. Compton, who have already established themselves as one of the greatest partnerships England have ever produced, Middlesex have an excellent opening pair in Robertson and Brown, and a good opening bowler in Gray. Although during the last Test match they will again be deprived of their two best players, they will not, I think, disappoint their supporters.

Lancashire, lying third now, will try their utmost to close the gap between themselves and the two leading sides. In their new captain, Cranston, they have an admirable all-rounder who will be ably supported by Washbrook, Place and their genuine all-rounder Ikin, and the former England bowler Pollard, who seems to be again in form. Place's innings of 266 against Oxford University was, I think, the highest first class score in England since the war, until Edrich made his 297 a few days ago.

Surrey's Batting Strength

Although Surrey are entirely out of the running this year, their team is perhaps the best they have had for many years, and if the same team could turn out again next season, they should, with this year's experience behind them, be very close at the finish.

They have a different Captain from 1946, E. R. T. Holmes, and a new wicket-keeper in A. J. McIntyre. In 22-year-old David Fletcher they have a most promising opening bat and he ought to be a great help to the side for many years to come. Besides these three, they still have available Fishlock, Gregory, Halling, Squires, the Bodes, brothers and plenty of young talent. Their 706 for 4 declared against a strong Nottingham side is proof of Surrey's batting ability.

New Yorks' Bowler
Yorkshire should find the second half of the Season less disappointing.

W. G. Keighley, the young Oxford University batsman who made 105 against the South Africans for his University, will be turning out regularly now that the match against Cambridge is over. He and Hutton had already made a big partnership against the South Africans.

Yorkshire, which have always seemed to produce a slow left-arm bowler, have recently acquired Allan Mason from League Cricket, and he, too, should be of some help to the side. It would be interesting to see whether he will be able to live up to expectations.

Edrich And Tom Hayward

There is a lot of speculation whether Bill Edrich, who has scored 2,288 runs, will beat Tom Hayward's record of 2,287 runs in the County Championship.

Doris Hart Surprised

Lausanne, Aug. 3. Mrs. Sheila Summers, South African champion, sprang a big surprise today by defeating Miss Doris Hart, of the United States, in the final of the women's singles of an invitation tennis tournament here.

The South African won 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

There was another surprise in the women's doubles, in which the American combination of Doris Hart and Patricia Todd were beaten in the final by Mrs. Nancy Bolton and Mrs. Hopman, of Australia, by 6-4, 6-4.

The men's singles went to Gianni Cucchi, the Italian champion, who beat Eric Sturges, South Africa, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Mrs. Summers and Eric Sturges captured the mixed doubles, defeating Mrs. Bolton and Gianni Cucchi 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. —Reuter.

Drobny Downs Tom Brown

Prague, Aug. 3. Jaroslav Drobny, Czechoslovakia's best player, today defeated Tom Brown, of San Francisco, in the final of the Czechoslovakian tennis championships. The scores were 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

In the final of the women's singles, Mrs. S. Kormoczy, of Hungary, defeated Miss J. Jedrzekowska, of Poland, 3-6, 6-1 in the final. —Reuter.

Anti-Jew Rioters In Court

London, Aug. 4.

Court actions began in three cities today against persons arrested during anti-Jewish riots after the reprisal hangings of two British sergeants in Palestine by the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

At Liverpool, 12 persons were remanded on bail on charges arising from what the police prosecutor described as "anti-Jewish trouble and demonstrations during the week-end."

Five men at Salford, arrested on similar charges, were released on bail.

The prosecutor at Salford said 20 anti-Jewish incidents occurred during the week-end.

Three labourers in Manchester were fined for throwing bricks through shop windows when drunk.

Synagogues in other parts of England were also damaged during the night. —Associated Press.

CRICKET CLUB TENNIS PLAY

The following matches in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Tournament, Club Section remain to be played:—

Today or first playable day thereafter.

Men's doubles, handicap—final M. Pagh & B. C. Pay v M. F. L. Haymes & M. V. Turner.

Mixed doubles, handicap—semi-final D. M. MacDougall & Mrs. E. Litton v F. A. Weller & Mrs. Crisfield.

Second playable day.

Mixed doubles, handicap—final D. L. Prophet & Mrs. Prophet v Winner of semi-final.

SING TAO

Singapore, Aug. 3. The Sing Tao Football Team which has played a series of successful matches in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Ipoh, is scheduled to leave for England on Aug. 5. —Central News.

County Cricket Statistics

London, Aug. 4.

The first six places in the County cricket championship tables are unchanged, but Worcestershire move up from tenth to seventh. Northamptonshire remain at the bottom, while Gloucestershire and Middlesex are still fighting hard for the leadership.

W. J. Edrich, of Middlesex, still heads the batting averages with 107.18, while R. Howarth, of Worcester, who lost first place in the bowling averages to George Pope, of Derbyshire, last week, is now at the top again.

This week's statistics, inclusive of games ended last Friday, are:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	No res.	Lead in	Lead in	Pts.
Gloucestershire	18	13	1	4	0	0	2	104
Middlesex	17	13	3	1	0	1	1	164
Derbyshire	19	9	7	2	1	3	2	128
Lancashire	18	7	1	9	1	0	6	108
Kent	19	7	8	4	0	2	3	104
Surrey	18	7	2	8	1	0	5	104
Other placings:								
Worcestershire	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	82
Sussex	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Warwickshire	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Essex	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Glamorgan	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Leicestershire	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Somerset	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Yorkshire	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Hampshire	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Nottinghamshire	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80
Northamptonshire	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	80

Batting Averages: (Qualification 20 innings, average 40)

	Innings	not out	Runs	Average
W. J. Edrich (Middlesex)	27	5	2,288	107.18
D. Compton (Middlesex)	21	4	2,071	103.74
L. Ames (Kent)	23	4	1,729	75.17
M. Donnelly (Oxford)	25	6	1,344	70.78
W. Place (Lancs)	25	8	1,508	68.45
C. Washbrook (Lancs)	27	6	1,428	69.00
J. Robertson (Middlesex)	26	2	1,803	69.91
L. Hutton (York)	30	3	1,880	61.11
P. Fletcher (Surrey)	29	2	1,350	46.88
C. Barnett (Glouce)	30	4	1,287	40.34

Bowling averages: (Qualification 40 innings, average 21)

	O	M	R	W	Avg.
R. Howarth (Worcester)	83.2	205	1,812	114	15.93
R. Pollard (Lancs)	71.2	197	1,658	104	15.94
G. Pope (Derby)	51.2	193	1,470	84	16.80
T. Goddard (Glouce)	55.1	251	2,435	149	16.34
C. Barnett (Glouce)	207.2	80	720	43	17.14
J. Clay (Glamorgan)	280.4	104	594	46	12.80
E. Smith (York)	447.3	155	1,544	89	17.33
E. Tongue (Middlesex)	208.1	81	1,118	86	12.89
C. Gledhill (Derby)	284.4	124	1,783	98	18.05
W. Arnold (Derby)	222.2	141	2,477	67	36.82
R. Crisfield (Lancs)	222.2	101	1,047	54	19.31

It Went With A Bang

Nanterre, Aug. 4. Carpenter Jean. Buvillette, who was killed in a recent explosion, was buried in his picket fence with new ones and muffled his opinion of neighbours who had stolen them for firewood. The new ones disappeared again after nightfall, then in half a dozen neighbouring houses stoves jumped off the floor, roofs shot out of ovens and frying pans crashed around kitchens. The crafty carpenter had hollowed out the stoves and filled them with Chinese fireworks and gun powder. —United Press.

The New Set-Up In India

London, Aug. 3.

The King has formally approved the appointment of Rear Admiral Viscount Mountbatten as Governor-General of the Dominion of India and of Mr. Mohamed Ali Jinnah as Governor-General of Pakistan with effect from Aug. 15.

An India Office statement tonight announcing the appointments states further that the following Governors of provinces which, after Aug. 15, will form part of the Dominion of India have been invited and have agreed to continue to serve as Governors in the same provinces:

Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Edward Nye, Governor of Madras; Colonel Sir David John Colville, Governor of Bombay; Mr. Mohammed Saleh Akbar Hydari, Governor of Assam.

The King has approved the appointments of the following as Governors of the other provinces with effect from Aug. 15:

The Dominion of India: West Bengal, Mr. Chakravarti Rajagopalachari; East Punjab, Sir Chandra Mahaval Trivedi; the Central Provinces and Berar, Mr. Mangaldas Patil; Bihar, Mr. Jaisankar Dasgupta; Orissa, Dr. Kailas Nath Katju.

The Dominion of Pakistan: West Punjab, Sir Robert Francis Mudie; Sind, Mr. Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah; Northwest Frontier Province, Sir George Cunningham.

The statement continues that the King has also indicated that he will in due course formally approve the appointment as Governor of the United Provinces of Dr. B. C. Roy. Dr. Roy is at present in the United States and an acting appointment, about which a separate announcement will be made, will be necessary.

A further announcement will be made about the Governorship of the Province of East Bengal, the India Office stated. —Reuter.

INDIA'S WOMAN ENVOY

New Delhi, Aug. 4.

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, first Indian Ambassador to Russia, left by plane on Sunday for Tehran en route to Moscow. She declined to elaborate on a prior statement that India would strengthen friendship with all the world. —Associated Press.

Search For Lost Chinese Plane

Nanking, Aug. 4.

A search began today for the Chinese Air Force C-47 which disappeared on July 31 in East Szechwan province between Hanchuan and Lan-chow with 26 persons on board.

Chinese Air Force sources stated that a special search plane which was dispatched from Nanking yesterday arrived in Lan-chow on the same day.

The plane took off this morning to patrol the area between Chian-chuan, approximately 400 miles northeast of Lan-chow, and Hanchuan. The plane was said to be in the region when radio contact was cut off.

Chinese Air Force headquarters are carefully charting the progress made by the search plane, which is carrying medical supplies, food and water.

A radio message was sent from Nanking to the search plane on Sunday, but no reply was received. The plane was last seen on Sunday morning.

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Pravda Attacks U.S. Plans For Jap Peace Treaty

Budapest, Aug. 4.

A Hungarian official who has interviewed approximately 5,000 prisoners returned from Russia, said today they had told him Russia was still producing war materials and that in some centres, practice black-outs and air raid alerts continued.

He added that he had been told that "very secret" factories were in operation "beyond the Urals" and that persons who went there to work were not expected to return.

Most of those interviewed who had been allowed to work while held prisoner, had been employed in factories in and about Kharkov, Kiev and Leningrad. They described practice alerts and other war-time conditions.

At Kharkov, the informant said, the Russians were building new heavy tanks, bigger than anything seen during the war by any of the Hungarian workers.

At Kiev the main product was 30-centimetre anti-aircraft rifles. Heavy machinery was built at Leningrad.

The informant said returning prisoners related that many workers for plants beyond the Urals came from the ranks of the Red Army troops that returned "from the west."

The soldiers returning from the front were given special orientation lectures, and after careful screening, were either sent back to post-war pursuits or kept in the army and assigned to plants beyond the Urals. He said these who expressed any attraction for western European culture were likely to obtain employment beyond the Urals. —Associated Press.

Moscow, Aug. 3.

In an article on the Japanese peace treaty published in today's Pravda, the Soviet writer, Alexei Leontiev, writes: "The United States has proposed to convene on Aug. 19 a conference of 11 nations to discuss the peace treaty with Japan. 'The experience of the Paris Conference, at which attempts were made to prepare the peace treaty with five former allies of Germany, should have been sufficient to prove that such work is too complicated to be dealt with by a conference of many nations.'

"The last and final blow to Japan was also delivered by the Soviet Union."

"The Soviet Union, during the war, forced Japan to concentrate in Manchuria her most battle-worthy troops, and by her timely entry into the Far Eastern war, brought about the capitulation of Japan." —Reuter.

"The ruling principle of the preparation of peace treaties, namely, that the countries who have themselves caused the defeat of the enemy country in question should be primarily operative in preparing a peace treaty with that country, is surely unassailable."

"The four Great Powers, Russia, China, the United States, America and Great Britain, are always bound by certain obligations directly concerning the post-war position of Japan."

"These obligations must form the foundation of any peace treaty with Japan, and the four above-mentioned powers must be the ones to decide on the preliminary text of the treaty."

Vote-Catching
"In proposing to substitute a conference of 11 states for the Council of Foreign Ministers—a proposal which had the support both of ex-President Hoover, and of Mr. Bevin at the Margate Conference—the United States want to revive the vote-catching game of unhappy memory which some nations tried so hard to play at the Paris Conference of 1946, with well-known results."

"In trying to make propaganda for the proposal, the American and British press does all it can to diminish the role of Russia in the defeat of Japan. However, it is a fact that not only did the Soviet Union smash the powerful Japanese Kwangtung Army, but also that she delivered the decisive blow to Hitlerite Germany which largely determined the Allied victory over Japan."

Supervision
In addition to asking for the withdrawal of Dutch troops from occupied areas, Sunday night's Joghakura broadcast also urged continued Security Council supervision of any truce—presumably through the appointment of a UNO commission—and demanded that the Indonesian representatives be allowed to explain fully to the Council their government's views on the dispute.

A Dutch communique announced that Dutch troops had occupied the south central Java towns of Korja and Soemboch, that they had consolidated other previously occupied areas and restored communications between Tegal and Semarang on the north coast.

In northern Sumatra, the Dutch said, their troops had pressed forward to a point 50 miles east of Pematang Siantar and were just outside of Tandjong Balat. The communique placed Dutch casualties since the start of hostilities at 60 killed, 131 wounded and 17 missing. —Associated Press and United Press.

Elation
Lake Success, Aug. 4.

United Nations officials were elated today over the Dutch acceptance of the U.N. cease-fire request in Indonesia, but cautioned that the end of the shooting will still leave difficult issues to be settled.

For instance, despatches said the Indonesians wished the Security Council to name "neutral countries" to act as mediators in the dispute, implying that the United States alone, which last week offered its "good offices" as a mediator—would not be satisfactory. —Associated Press.

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